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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Misc.433/37.

"A" Division.
Central Police Station.
30th June 1937.

Diary Number:— 1.

Nature of Offence:—

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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

REPRESENTATIVES OF COOLIES ATTACHED TO P.W.D. SAWGIN ROAD DEPOT ATTEMPT TO SUBMIT A PETITION TO MR. T.K. HO DEPUTY SECRETARY, S.M.C.

At 4.20 p.m. 30-6-37, Inspector White and party of Police including D.S.I. Yang Fei Sheng and the undersigned attended Room 161, Administration Building with reference to two representatives, named Lee Kyung Tsung (李景春), P.W.D. Coolie No.48, residing Nyuin Yue Li, Tungchow Road Extension, Chapei, and Mang Tsau Shiu (孟招之), Kwan Ching Road, Chapei, who were there on behalf of the Highway coolies attached to Sawgin Road P.W.D. Depot (of which there were about ten or more waited on Hankow Road outside the Administration Building) to present two demands as follows:-

(1) That the highway coolies and sewerage coolies be issued with separate metal badges, as against that which is now the practice of issuing badges and numbers at random among them when congregating at the Depot for work each morning.

(2) That highway coolies continue to clean the highway drain sewerage instead of the sewerage coolies.

Mr. T.K. Ho declined to interview the representatives or consider their demands as same was not in accordance with his duties and did not concern him.

Representatives were informed to that effect and asked to go, this they did with no untoward occurrence.

Central info'd by S.B. re. visit of coolies to Mr. T.K. Ho.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

Central Station,

REPORT

Date February 26, 1937.

Subject Reference P.W.D. coolies interviewing Mr. Yu Ya Ching.

Made by Insp. Brownrigg Forwarded by [signature] Officer in charge.

Sir,

In accordance with your instructions the undersigned proceeded to Mr. Yu Ya Ching's office at 93 Canton Road at 3.30 pm. 26-2-37, to ascertain the nature of the interview sought by representatives of the P.W.D. coolies with Mr. Yu Ya Ching.

At 4.45 p.m. 26-2-37, the following representatives put in appearance:-

No. 57 Tsu Foo Yoong (蔡富榮)
No. 45 Li Kyung Sung (李景春)
No.210 Liu Fei Wung (劉煥文)
No.195 Kwei Boo Yang (環步流)
No.296 Wong Saung Zey (王双才)

It was ascertained by the undersigned that these men wished to see Mr. Yu Ya Ching to ask him to use his good offices in registering a protest on behalf of the Highway coolies of the P.W.D. owing to the new regulations regarding badges.

It appears that in the past the "Sewerage" coolies were issued with a yellow badge whilst the "Highways" coolies had a grey badge and in addition "Casual" coolies had a Red badge. According to the representatives these badges are now going to be withdrawn and Green badges issued to both departments (Green badge shown to undersigned had "Highways" stamped upon same but representatives stated that the Green badges were all the same). The "Highways" coolies were now afraid that as "Road Repairs" by P.W.D. were now very seldom, that with the amalgimating of the two Departments "Sewerage & Highways" the "Highways" coolies would be made to suffer by utilizing "Sewerage" coolies when any work became necessary on roads instead of engaging the "Highways" coolies to perform said work.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Central Station,

REPORT

Date February 26, 19 37.

Subject Reference P.W.D. coolies interviewing Mr. Yu Ya Ching.

Made by Insp. Brownrigg Forwarded by Officer in charge.

Mr. Yu Ya Ching was absent on the arrival of the representatives and had not returned by 6 p.m. 26-2-37, when the undersigned left said offices.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. W. Brownrigg.

Inspector.

D. O. "A" Div.

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J. H. P. Robertson

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A copy of this report is attached to the SB file.

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Misc. No. 73/37. Feb. 1st, 37.

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Strike of P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies
(Special Branch Intelligence Report 30-1-37)

On the instruction of the Officer i/c District a party of uniform Police and detectives were detailed for duty on Canton Road where at about 4.45p.m., Monday, February 1, 1937 the same five P.W.D. strikers mentioned on diary 1 of the above report dated Jan. 30, called at the office of Mr. Yu Ya Ching at No. 93 Canton Road. He received them and stated that he would interview the Chairman of the Municipal Council on their behalf and they may return to call on him again at 5p.m. Feb. 2, 1937.

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The five strikers left the building and vicinity quietly.

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Misc. No. 73/37. Jan. 30th, 37.

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Strike of P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies
(Special Branch Intelligence Report 30-1-37)

At about 12.45p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 1937, about 60 coolies of the P.W.D., strikers, called at the office of Mr. Yu Ya Ching at No. 93 Canton Road to present a petition requesting the latter to intercede with the Shanghai Municipal Council on their behalf concerning the decision of the P.W.D. to introduce a new system for engagement of coolies.

Mr. Yu Ya Ching interviewed five of the strikers named (1) Wong Tsaung Zai (王双才), No. 296, (2) Kieu Hwei Vung (刘焕文) No. 200, (3) Li Ching Tsung (李景春) No. 45, (4) Wei Boo Ying (魏步瀛) No. 57 and (5) Tsai Foo Yeong (蔡福荣) No. 195 and stated that he would place the matter before the Council on Monday morning Feb. 1, 1937 and granted the five representatives permission to call on him again at 5p.m. same date.

The coolies then dispersed quietly from the vicinity Inspector Everest and party of Police had attended from Central Station on the instruction of Officer i/c District.

This party of coolies previously called at No. 50 Hongkong Road, at about 12.30p.m. same date to interview a representative of the Chinese Rate-payers Association, however no responsible person could be located to interview two of the strikers who entered the building whereupon they left to call on Mr. Yu Ya Ching as mentioned.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S.1, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date April 23. 1937.

Subject Articles of Association of the Shanghai International Settlement Road Construction Coolies Mutual Aid Association.

Made by D.S.I. Laurier Forwarded by J. Boyne D.S.I.

Attached is a translation of the Articles of Association of the Shanghai International Settlement Road Construction Coolies Mutual Aid Association.

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT ROAD CONSTRUCTION COOLIES MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

REGULATIONS

Art. 1. The Association is formed by the road construction coolies and so is named the Shanghai International Settlement Road Construction Coolies Mutual Aid Association.

Art. 2. The Association will follow the Three Principles of the People, promote friendship between coolies and endeavour to improve their knowledge.

Art. 3. This Association is established at Lane 351, No.8 Elgin Road.

Art. 4. The Association will deal with the following:-

a/ to encourage the development of national spirit in order to solidify the union of coolies.

b) to do its best to propagate the Three Principles of the People.

c/ to exterminate injurious customs and habits and to endeavour to facilitate the work of the coolies.

d) to establish a school for the coolies.

e) to improve the living conditions of the coolies.

f/ to protect coolies from being oppressed by their employers.

g/ to establish a Labourers' Savings Society and organize a Coolies' Welfare Association.

h/ to deal with applications of members for financial relief.

i) to mediate in all disputes between the coolies.

j/ to consider and act on any equitable suggestions made by the coolies.

Art. 5. All road construction coolies who are in possession of badges issued by the S.M.C. will be eligible to join the Association.

Art. 6. Members of the Association will be entitled to the following privileges:-

a) The power to vote and eligibility to the various committees of the Association.

b/ The power to propose and to criticize.

c/ All other privileges mentioned in these regulations.

Art. 7. The duties of every member will be to:-

a/ observe the regulations of the Association and its decisions.

b) attend meetings regularly.

c) pay membership fees punctually.

d/ give advice to the Association freely on request.

Art. 8. Members who fail to observe the regulations and/or decisions of the Association will be deprived of special privileges and will be liable to be expelled from membership of the organization.

Art. 9. The Association will have an executive committee of 29 members and 6 reserve members, all of whom will be elected at a general meeting of the members.

Art. 10. The standing committee will be elected by the Executive Committee.

Art. 11. The Association will establish five sections:-

1) The General Affairs Section.

2/ The Organization "

3/ The Propaganda "

4) The Mediation "

5/ The Investigation "

each of which will be under the control of a chief and a vice-chief who will be elected from members of the executive committee.

Art. 12. Service on the various committees will be entirely honorary and such term of service will be one year. Committee members, however, will be eligible for re-election at the end of each term of service.

Art. 13. Meetings of the Association:-

1/ There will be one general meeting in each year.

2) The Executive Committee will meet once a fortnight.

3/ The Standing Committee will meet once in a week.

Art. 14. Any of the above committees will be empowered to call a meeting at any other time should the business to be transacted be of an urgent nature.

Art. 15. At all meetings of the Association the majority vote required to carry a proposal put before the meeting must consist of a number in excess of one half of the attendance.

Art. 16. Finances of the Association and Membership Fees:

Members will be required to pay an entrance fee of $1.00 and a weekly subscription of $0.10.

Special contributions to the funds of the Association may be raised at any time subject to the approval of ~~th~~ a majority of the Association members.

Art. 17. The regulations governing the administration of the various sections have yet to be drawn up and will be separate from these regulations.

Art. 18. These regulations will come into force when they have been passed by the first general meeting of members.

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The first duty of the Association will be to carry out the work defined in Art. 4 of these regulations.

A portion of the membership fees received will be alloted to a sinking fund for promoting the welfare of the members.

(1) Members who sustain injury in the execution of their duty or who are otherwise incapacitated through sickness may apply to the Association for medical expenses.

(2) Members who contemplate marriage and members who suffer the loss of a relative through death will be entitled to a loan from the Association of an amount not exceeding $100.00, the interest due on such loan to be .5% per mensem.

(3) Where a member dies at an advanced age, his heir may apply for a donation from the Association of $100.00 to defray funeral expenses.

(4) The Association will open a free supplementary school for its members.

(5) The Association will engage a legal advisor to safeguard the rights of its members.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch Subject. 7758

REPORT

Date April 20. 20 1937. 37

Subject Maintenance of watch on the house of Chen Kiu-feng.

Made by D.S.I. Laurier Forwarded by Thogue D S I

A party of Municipal Police was posted outside Lane 351, No.8 Elgin Road, on April 19 with the object of preventing persons of the coolie type from entering the alleyway, as a result of which no P.W.D. road construction coolies called at Chen Kiu-feng's home on that date.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date April 19, 1937.

Subject: Activities of Chen Kiu-feng in connection with the attempted incorporation of the P.W.D. Coolies Mutual Aid Society into a Branch of the Peasants and Labourers Livelihood Improvement Association.

Made by D.S.I. Laurier Forwarded by

The signboard entitled the "Branch Office of the Shanghai Municipality Peasants and Labourers' Livelihood Improvement Association" (上海農工生活改進會分辦事處), hitherto exhibited in Lane 351, 8 Elgin Road, outside Chen Kiu-feng's home was removed at 1 p.m. April 17, on the instructions of Chen Kiu-feng.

The meeting of representatives of P.W.D. road construction coolies, scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. April 17 in Chen Kiu-feng's home, Lane 351, No.8 Elgin Road, was not held as the result of action on the part of the Police of West Hongkew Station who occupied the alleyway and prohibited the workers' representatives from entering Chen Kiu-feng's home. Chen Kiu-feng received a prior warning from West Hongkew Station to cancel the meeting and it is learned that he acted on this warning, but owing to insufficient time being given he was unable to convey the notice of cancellation to all concerned in time. Of the 40 persons who were turned away the following coolies were recognised :-

Wong Shang-zai (王汝才), ex-Coolie No.296, came at 5.45 p.m.

Poo Siao San Taz (蒲小三子), Coolie No.8, Ewo Road Section, came at 5.45 p.m.

Ting Teng-koo (丁登科), coolie No.143, Shunteh Road Depot, came at 6 p.m.

Chang Zang-shing (張長興), ganger, Shunteh Road Depot, came at 6.15 p.m. on a bicycle.

Shu Kiu-lung (舒九龍), number unknown, Soochow Road Depot, came at 6.20 p.m.

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Hsia Kuo-fu (夏阔富), ganger No.8, Dixwell Road Depot, came at 6.25 p.m.

Zu Siao-pao (时小宝), coolie No.107, Dixwell Road Depot, came at 6.30 p.m.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date. April 19, 1937.

Subject Visits paid by P.W.D. road construction coolies to the home of Chen Kiu Feng.

Made by D.S.I. Laurier Forwarded by J. Bogue D.S.I.

The following coolies visited Lane 351, No.8 Elgin Road, the residence of Chen Kiu Feng, on April 18:-

Name	Time of Arrival	Time of Departure
Wong Shang Zai ex-coolie No.296.	4.30 p.m.	4.45 p.m.
Liu Hwan Wen, coolie No.200.	4.50 p.m.	5 p.m.
Li Kwei Ling, coolie No.77.	6.25 p.m.	6.30 p.m.

Chen Kiu Feng was absent when the above coolies visited his homse.

About 10 other men who were obviously P.W.D. coolies but who are unknown to the Police, came to the mouth of the alleyway separately at various intervals between 6 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. with the intention apparently of visiting Chen Kiu Feng. They left without entering the alleyway on observing police patrols posted in the vicinity.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date April 17, 1937.

Subject Meeting of P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies' Representatives at the home of Chen Kiu Feng.

Made by D.S.I. Laurier Forwarded by T. Boyce D.S.I.

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Some 40 persons claiming to be representatives of the coolies of the P.W.D. (Shunteh Road Depot) held a meeting at 7 p.m. April 16 at No.8, Lane 351 Elgin Road, the residence of Chen Kiu Feng, advisor to the P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies Mutual Aid Association.

Chen presided and addressed the attendance stating that as the Shanghai Municipal Police has prohibited the P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies Mutual Aid Association from functioning in the Settlement, the Association had in consequence been incorporated into the Peasants and Labourers Life Improvement Association of which a branch had been established in the Settlement. Coolies who wished to join the Branch were required to observe its regulations and to unite together in order to promote the welfare of the workers and to protect themselves from being oppressed by the Authorities. They would, however, be required to respect the wishes of the Authorities and would not be permitted to utilize the influence of the organization in furthering any unlawful activities. Coolies and foremen should work together peacefully and not to resort to retaliative measures by reporting each other to their foreign employers. In conclusion, Chen requested the attendance to give their opinion on the subject. As no suggestions were forthcoming the meeting was adjourned at 7.50 p.m. when the coolies departed.

The following P.W.D. road construction coolies visited Lane 351, No.8 Elgin Road on April 16:-

Name	Time of arrival	Time of departure
Wong Hung Sung, foreman 47.	6 p.m.	8.20 p.m.

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Li Foh Ling, foreman No.51.	6.30 p.m.	8 p.m.
Tan Foh Ziang, ganger No.51.	6.30 p.m.	8 p.m.
Zu Siao Pao, coolie No.107	7 p.m.	8.10 p.m.
Li Ching Tsung, coolie No.45.	7.10 p.m.	8.10 p.m.
Li Awei Ling, coolie No.77.	7.10 p.m.	8 p.m.
Hsia Huo Fu, ganger No.8.	7.15 p.m.	8.10 p.m.
Liu Hwan Wen, coolie No.200.	7.15 p.m.	8.20 p.m.
Fu Siao San Ts, coolie No.6.	7.15 p.m.	8.10 p.m.
Awan Boo Yuin, coolie No.195.	7.20 p.m.	8.20 p.m.
Shu Chiu Lung, coolie of Soochow Rd. Depot.	7.25 p.m.	8.10 p.m.
Wong Shang Zai, ex-coolie No.296.	7.30 p.m.	8.30 p.m.

Eight other coolies whose names are unknown, visited the premises between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The above 20 coolies did not attend the meeting; they congregated in a room next to that in which the meeting was held.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~

REPORT

Date April 16, 1937.

Subject Visits paid by P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies to the home of Chen Kiu-feng.

Made by D.S.I. Laurier Forwarded by T Boyne D S I

The following P.W.D. road construction coolies visited Lane 351, No.8 Elgin Road, the residence of Chen Kiu-feng (陳九峰) between 6.20 p.m. and 7.10 p.m. April 15 :-

Wong Hung-sung (王洪生), foreman No.47.
Hsia Huo-fu (夏開富), ganger No.8
Kwan Bao-yuin (環步雲), coolie No.195
Liu Hwan-wen (劉煥文), " No.200

Four other coolies, whose names are unknown and who are attached to the Shunteh Road Depot, also visited the premises at 6.45 p.m., leaving at 7 p.m.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date April 15, 1937.

Subject: Activities of the P.W.D. Road Constructions Coolies in connection with the P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Association.

Made by D.S.I. Laurier Forwarded by J. Boyne D.S.I.

The following P.W.D. road construction coolies called at Lane 351 No.8 Elgin Road, the residence of Chen Kiu Feng, between 6.35 p.m. and 7.10 p.m. April 14:-

Coolies Nos. 45, 47, 77, 107, 200, 195, and Tsueh Yiu Liang (115) (雪有良), (number unknown, attached to Ewo Road Depot) and ganger No.8.

Chen Kiu Feng was again absent from home and as a result the coolies left the premises at 7.20 p.m. and proceeded to the Hai Hwa Leu Restaurant (海華樓), No.286 North Chekiang Road, where they had dinner.

It was decided amongst these coolies during the course of the meal that representatives of the coolies employed in the various P.W.D. depots would attend the following meetings at Lane 351 No.8 Elgin Road with the object of discussing P.W.D. regulations governing the treatment of coolies, as well as matters concerning the incorporation of the P.W.D. Road Constructions Coolies Mutual Aid Association into a branch of the Peasants and Labourers Life Improvement Association:-

April 16 & 17 - 6 p.m.	Meeting of representatives of coolies of Shunteh Road Depot.
April 18 & 19 - 6 p.m.	Meeting of representatives of coolies of Soochow Road Depot.
April 20 - 6 p.m.	Meeting of representatives of coolies of Dixwell Road Depot.
April 21 - 6 p.m.	Meeting of representatives of coolies of Ewo Road Depot.
April 22 - 6 p.m.	Meeting of representatives of coolies of Antung Road Depot.

The dinner party concluded at 9.10 p.m. when the coolies

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date April 14, 19 37.

Subject Visits paid by P.W.D. Coolies to the home of Chen Kiu Feng.

Made by D.S.I. Laurier Forwarded by J. Boyne D.S.I.

The following P.W.D. coolies visited Lane 351, No.8 Elgin Road between 5.40 p.m. and 8.15 p.m. April 13:-

Name	Time of Arrival	Time of Departure
Tan Foh Ziang (谈福祥), foreman No.57.	5.40 p.m.	8.10 p.m.
Li Kwei Ling (李桂林), coolie No. 77	6.30 p.m.	7.50 p.m.
Zu Siao Pao (時小宝), coolie No.107	6.40 p.m.	7.50 p.m.
Wong Shang Zai (王双才), ex-coolie No.296	6.40 p.m.	8.10 p.m.
Kwan Boo Yuin (關步寅), coolie No.195	8.00 p.m.	8.15 p.m.

Chen Kiu Feng was absent from home when the abovementioned coolies paid their visits. It has been learned that coolies Nos. 77 and 107 visited with the object of reporting to Chen Kiu Feng the following alleged malpractice on the part of No.1 foreman, Loh Feng Nyi (陸), attached to Dixwell Road Depot.

As a rule, ten coolies are required to stand by on Sunday at the Ewo Road Depot. Last Sunday, April 11, although the No.1 foremen Loh Feng Nyi arranged to have only 3 coolies stand by at the Ewo Road Depot he requisitioned for wages in respect of ten coolies on the pretext that the remaining seven coolies were on duty elsewhere. In this false requisition Loh submitted the names of seven coolies towards whom he is known to be sympathetic, and with whom, it is suspected, he is working in collusion. Of the seven coolies who were represented as having done work which, actually they did not

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do, Nos. 25, 109, 110, 147, attached to the Ewo Road Depot are known to have been included. It has also been ascertained that Loh Feng Nyi on April 13, 1937 issued to coolies Nos. 22, 46, 60 and 88 a sum of money in excess of the amount earned by each in one week.

The callers intended to request Chen Kiu Feng to negotiate with the P.W.D. Authorities with the object of adopting measures for the suppression of this form of malpractice.

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REPORT

Date April 14, 1937.

Subject Arrivals and departures of P.W.D. coolies at and from the home of Chen Kiu Feng.

Made by D.S.I. Laurier Forwarded by T. Boyne D.S.I.

The meeting of gangers scheduled to take place at 8, Lane 351 Elgin Road, at 5 p.m. April 12 was not held owing to the non appearance of the gangers' representatives, consequent, it is assumed, upon the coincidence of the Chinese Ratepayers' meeting which it was known Chen Kiu Feng was predisposed to attend.

The following P.W.D. coolies visited Lane 351, House 8 Elgin Road, between 5 p.m. and 7.10 p.m. April 12:-

Name	Time of arrival	Time of departure
Wong Hung Sung (王洪生) foreman No.47	5.30 p.m.	7 p.m.
Hsia Kuo Fu (夏国富) ganger No.8	5.45 p.m.	7.10 p.m.
Zu Siao Pao (祖小宝) coolie No.107	6 p.m.	7 p.m.
Pu Siao San Tse (浦小三) coolie No.6	6 p.m.	7 p.m.
Kwan Boo Yuin (关宝云) coolie No.195	6.30 p.m.	6.50 p.m.
Shu Chiu Lung (许九龙) coolie of Soochow Road depot.	5.30 p.m.	6.40 p.m.
Tsueh Yiu Liang (薛有良) coolie of Ewo Road Depot.	6.05 p.m.	6.45 p.m.

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S.2, Special Branch. Section,

REPORT

Date April 14, 1937.

Subject Interview with Mr. Wu Kai Sien, leader of local Tangpu re activities of Chen Kiu-feng.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao-liang.

Mr. Wu Kai Sien, the leader of the local Tangpu, was interviewed this morning and supplied with a summarized account of the attached report re efforts of Chen Kiu-feng to establish a branch office of the Peasants and Labourers Life Improvement Association at 8/351 Elgin Road in order to induce P.W.D. workers to join it.

Mr. Wu stated that the Peasants and Labourers Life Improvement Association is located in Nantao and is a legitimate organization but there is no branch office authorised in the Settlement. He will publish in the Chinese press on April 15 a declaration to the effect that no persons have ever been authorised to establish a branch office of the Association.

If the S.M.P. will write officially to the Kuomintang Headquarters re the existence of the branch office, the Tangpu will write to the Court or the Police Bureau to take suppressive measures.

Tan Shao-liang
Superintendent.

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O i/c Sp Br:
Have we sufficient evidence to do this?

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O y/ Sp Rev.

I think Sa might be able to have Chan taken to Kirk & Second Bureau. He is disappointing them waiting as if nothing else is possible we must consider how we can take him to Court. RB

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Br. Shanghai.

REPORT

Date April 12, 1937.

Subject The activities of Chen Kiu-feng(陳九峯) in connection with the P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies.

Made by D.S.I. Laurier *Forwarded by* T. Coyne D.S.I.

Being dissatisfied with the decision of the Public Works Department to place the gangers in the same category as the coolies by reducing the inclement weather remuneration of the former from full to half a day's pay for those days on which they are unable to work owing to adverse weather conditions, representatives of the gangers will hold a meeting at 5 p.m. April 12 at No. 8 Lane 351, Elgin Road, to discuss the measures to be adopted in opposing the decision of their employers. Steps have been taken to have this meeting reported on.

The following coolies and gangers visited No. 8, Lane 351, Elgin Road, between 5.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. on April 10 and 11, respectively:-

Name	Date	Time of arrival	Time of departure
Wong Hung Sung (王洪生), foreman No. 47.	April 10	6 p.m.	7.10 p.m.
Hsia Kuo-fu (夏國富), ganger No. 8.	Ditto	6.15 p.m.	7.15 p.m.
Li Ching-tsung, (李景春), coolie No. 45.	Ditto	6 p.m.	7 p.m.
Kwan Boo-yuin (關步賢), coolie No. 195.	Ditto	5.50 p.m.	7 p.m.
Liu Hwan Wen (劉煥文), Coolie No. 200.	Ditto	6.30 p.m.	7 p.m.
Wong Shang Kai (王双才), ex-coolie No.296.	Ditto	6.20 p.m.	7.20 p.m.

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Name	Date	Time of arrival	Time of departure
Pu Siao San Tse (浦小三子), coolie No. 6.	April 10.	6.20 p.m.	7.20 p.m.
Wong Shang Zai, ex-coolie No. 296.	April 11.	5.10 p.m.	6.30 p.m.
Liu Hwan Wen, coolie No. 200.	April 11.	5.30 p.m.	6.20 p.m.
Li Kwei Ling (李桂林), coolie No. 77, Antung Rd. Depot.	April 11.	6 p.m.	6.20 p.m.
Ting Tung Koo (丁登科), coolie No. 143.	April 11.	6 p.m.	6.30 p.m.
Pu Siao San Tse, coolie No. 6.	April 11.	6 p.m.	6.25 p.m.
Haia Kuo-fu, coolie No. 8.	April 11.	6 p.m.	6.30 p.m.
Wong Hung Sung, Foreman No. 47.	April 11.	5.30 p.m.	6.10 p.m.

The following signborads were erected over the entrance to Chen Kiu-feng's house in Lane 351, No. 8, Elgin Road, at 3 p.m., April 10, 1937:-

(1) Shang Yu Fellow Countryman's Association(上虞旅沪同鄉会).

(2) The Shanghai Municipality Servants' Employment Agencies Federation(上海市佣僕介紹業聯合会).

(3) The Shanghai Municipality Tailor Shop Proprietors' Association, Special District Office.(上海市成衣業同業公会特區辦事處).

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(4) Peasants and Labourers Life Improvement Association
(農工生活改進会)

The following data concerning the above societies has been obtained from Special Branch records and is forwarded for information:-

1) The Shang Yu Fellow Countrymen's Association, which was formerly located at No. 602 Tsepoo Road and which ceased functioning in 1936, was under the direction of Chen Kiu-feng, who was one of its committee members. In October and November 1934, this Association held several meetings in support of Liang Tong Fong(梁桐芳), a member of the anti-Japanese terrorist movement, who was arrested by the Shanghai Municipal Police on October 19, 1934, in the Yoeh Lai Dried Goods Shop, 354 Canton Road, and charged with attempted murder by throwing a bomb.

2) The Shanghai Municipality Servants' Employment Agencies Federation was formed in November 1933 with offices at Lane 341, No. 5, Avenue Edward VII. This Federation, by its activities, aroused opposition from the French Police. It ceased functioning in March 1936, owing to lack of support.

3) The Shanghai Municipality Tailor Shop Proprietors' Association was formed in June 1932 and had a branch office at the former address of the Shang Yu Fellow Countrymen's Association, 602 Tsepoo Road, with one Ho Yu Ching (何玉清) as chief executive. The main offices of the Association are located at the Shien Yuen Temple(善緣), Siao Bi Loong, Nantao. This association is in possession of a certificate of approval issued by the Tangpu.

4) The last organisation mentioned above, the Peasants and

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Labourers Life Improvement Association was formed on February 26, 1937, with offices in the Young Men's Lecturing Group Society, Wantao. The promoters of this association, whose names are given hereunder, are either attached to the Bureau of Social Affairs, the local Kuomintang Headquarters or the General Labour Union:-

Wong Sien Ching(王先青), Chief of the Labour Dispute Mediation Department of the Bureau of Social Affairs.

Wong Kong (王岡), member of the Labour Dispute Mediation Department of the Bureau of Social Affairs.

Loh Ying Chu (陸英初), member of the People's Training Department of the local Kuomintang Headquarters.

Yu Yao Chiu (俞耀秋), member of the Investigation Department of the local Kuomintang Headquarters.

Chun Yu Ding (錢雨亭), committeeman of the General Labour Union.

Reports have been received to the effect that Chen Kiu-feng is making efforts to organize a branch of this Association in the Settlement and that all P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies will be induced to join it.

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REPORT

Date April 13, 1937.

Subject Activities of Chen Kiu-feng.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by T. Boyce D.S.I.

Following the receipt of instruction from the Shanghai Municipal Police to cease his activities in forming the International Settlement Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society on March 8, Chen Kiu-feng (陳九峰) reluctantly complied with the order by ostensibly announcing the cessation of preparations for the formation of the Society and cancelling the inaugural meeting of the Society, which was scheduled to take place in the Ningpo Fellow Countryman's Association, 480 Yu Ya Ching Road on March 14. This pretence however was kept up for only a very short time in order to allay the attentions of the Chinese Authorities for, about two weeks later he wrote a letter ostensibly on behalf of the road construction coolies, to the Municipal Council asking for permission for the formation of the above Society. At the same time, he exhibited outside his house the signboards of several other public organizations some of which have long since ceased to function and others which exist in name only. His object in the prominent display of these signboards at his house is undoubtedly to mislead the public and the Authorities by camouflaging his activities in organizing the Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society.

Realising the extreme difficulty with which he would have to contend in obtaining the approval of the S.M.C. for the Coolies' Mutual Aid Society, Chen now contemplates enlisting the sympathy and influence of the Kuomintang in fostering his movement for the exploitation of these coolies.

He must be checked

The local Tangpu has under its control one organization entitled the Peasants and Labourers Life Improvement Association (農工生活改進會). It is to this Association that Chen has turned for assistance. It is learned that he has submitted

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an application on behalf of the S.M.C. road construction coolies to this Association for joint membership, and has already arranged to establish a branch of this Association at his house.

Preparations for enforcing the movement have however been temporarily shelved owing to the fact that Chen has recently been busily engaged in securing his re-election as committee member in the annual election of the Chinese Ratepayers' Association which was held on April 12.

Sih Tse Liang
C. D. I.

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Copies sent to D.O.C. & Mr Wu Kai Sien (Tangpu) thru Supt. Tan.

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REPORT

Date April 10, 1937.

Subject Watch being maintained on the house of Chen Kiu-feng.

Made by D.S.I. Laurier Forwarded by T. Boyne D. S. I.

A watch was maintained at Chen Kiu-feng's (陳九峰) house, Lane 351, No.8 Elgin Road, between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. April 9 when the following persons were observed to enter the house :-

6.25 p.m. P.W.D. ganger No.8 named Hsia Kuo-fu (夏國富) arrived.

6.40 p.m. Tai Foh Ziang (戴福祥), P.W.D. foreman, Thorne Road Depot, arrived.

Both the above persons left the place at 7 p.m. by which time Chen Kiu-feng, who had left home earlier in the day, had not returned home. It has been ascertained that Chen Kiu-feng is busily engaged in the Chinese Ratepayers' Association election campaign. The election of twenty-seven representatives will take place at a meeting which will be held on April 12 and it will not be until after this date that Chen will have any time to spare for the affairs of the road construction coolies.

D. Laurier
D. S. I.

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REPORT

Date April 9, 1937.

Subject Slight unrest amongst P.W.D. road construction coolies and the activities of Chen Kiu Feng.

Made by D.S.I. Laurier Forwarded by J. Bogue D.S.I.

There are signs of unrest among the foremen and gangers of the P.W.D. road construction coolies attached to the Dixwell Road Depot in consequence of the dismissal on April 6 of foreman No.145, Hsu Kwei-hai (徐貴海) and also as a result of the new arrangement whereby the gangers receive only half a day's pay for those days on which work is suspended through inclement weather.

At 6.15 p.m. April 8, the dismissed foreman, No.145, accompanied by two foremen, named Kuh Ah Foh (葛阿福) (Antung Road Depot) and Wong Hung Sung (王洪生) (Dixwell Road Depot) together with a ganger named Hsia Kai Fu (夏開富) (Dixwell Road Depot) called at Lane 351, No.8 Elgin Road with the object of consulting Chen Kiu Feng (陳九峰) on the matter.

Twelve P.W.D. road construction coolies subsequently called at the above address but owing to the absence of Chen Kiu Feng they dispersed without holding a meeting.

The following P.W.D. coolies called at the home of Chen Kiu Feng between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. April 8:-

At 6.05 p.m. Coolie No.195 Kwan Pu Yung (孫步雄) (Soochow Road Depot) and Sung Tsung Yuen (宋中原) (Antung Road Section) arrived on foot.

At 6.20 p.m. Coolie No.200 Liu Hwan Wen (劉煥文) (Antung Road Section) and Coolie No.77 Li Kwei Ling (李桂林) (Dixwell Road Depot) and 2 unknown coolies arrived on foot.

At 6.38 p.m. Coolies named Dao Zuh Tsz (陶祖之) (Bubbo Road Depot) and Li Ping Kao (李炳高) (Bubbo Road Depot) and 3 unknown coolies arrived on foot.

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At 6.43 p.m. Two unknown Chinese (foremen) arrived on bicycles.

At 6.52 p.m. Two road coolies (unknown) arrived.

At 7.10 p.m. All persons mentioned above left the house in different directions.

At 7.15 p.m. Wong Saung-zai (王双才) (Ex-coolie No.296), Coolie No.6 Poo Siau-san-tsz (浦小三子) (Ewo Road Depot) and an unknown coolie arrived at the alleyway and on seeing the departure of a number of other men, themselves left without entering the premises.

It is reported that the dismissed foreman No.145 Hsu Kwei-hai also paid a visit to the house.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date April 8, 1937.

Subject Activities of Chen Kiu Feng (陳九峰) in connection with the formation of the P.W.D.Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society.

Made by D.S.I. Laurier Forwarded by T Boyne D.S.I

At 7 p.m. on April 3rd, nine P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies called on Chen Kiu-feng(陳九峰), principal mover in the formation of the P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society, at his home at 8, Lane 351, Elgin Road, and requested him to prepare for them a petition to be submitted to Mr. Yu Ya Ching, Chinese member of the Council, soliciting the latter's assistance in securing permission from the Council to organize the above Society. It has also been learned that a draft of this petition has already been prepared by Chen Kiu-feng and is to be signed by twenty Coolies' representatives and submitted to Mr. Yu Ya Ching through Chen Kiu-feng.

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the action taken by this branch on 8th March (vide report of 9th idem on the subject) D.S.I. Laurier, after informing D.O."C" Division of the proposed action, proceeded with Clerk Liao Chung Chien and S.I. Brown of West Hongkew Station to 8, Lane 351, Elgin Road and interviewed Tsu Lan Sung (朱蘭生), Secretary of the above Association, in the absence of the principal, Chen Kiu-feng.

It was observed on entering the premises that the character of the meeting hall mentioned in Special Branch report of 9th March had in no way been altered apart from the fact that two unframed certificates, made out in favour of the Welding Factory Owners' Association, one of which was issued by the local Tangpu on April 23, 1934 and which is in the nature of a Certificate of Approval, were hanging on the wall.

Tsu Lan Sung, when questioned, denied that Chen Kiu-feng had disregarded the warning issued to him by the police on 8th March to cease his activities in the Settlement in the formation of the above Society. He added, in extenuation, that since

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receipt of the warning the hall had been used only as a meeting place for members of the Welding Society and pointed, as evidence of the truth of his assertion, to the certificate on the wall. He admitted that no licence in respect of the Welding Society had been obtained from the Council.

It has been ascertained from enquirie amongst ex-members of the Welding Society, that this Association was formed on April 23, 1934 with an office at 278, Tungchow Road, the address of one named Wong Yong Tang (王荣棠), who was elected President of the Association over a Committee of sixteen members. However, through lack of financial support the Association was forced to close down in October, 1936 since which date its activities have ceased entirely.

In view of the foregoing it appears obvious that Chen Kiu-feng had no intention in the first place of paying any attention to the request of the police to close the meeting hall but, instead, adopted the expediency of camouflaging the real use to which the hall was being put by exhibiting on the walls certificates pertaining to the now defunct Welding Society, with the object of allaying suspicion regarding the real nature of his activities.

A watch was kept on Chen Kiu-feng's home during the early evening of March 7th with the object of ascertaining further particulars regarding the meetings which it is at present only suspected are held there. No meetings were held on the evening in question but several P.W.D. coolies visited the house. A list giving the times of their arrivals and departures is attached hereto

D.C.(Special Branch) D.O.C. D. S. I.

Copy to SBK 8/4.

List of arrivals at and departures from the home of Chen Kiu-feng, Lane 351, No.8 Elgin Road, between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. April 7, 1937 as witnessed by C.D.C.356

P.W.D.Road Construction Coolie No.45, Li Ching-tsung, entered the house at 5.45 p.m. and left at 8.05 p.m.

Wong Sung-zai (ex-Coolie No.296) arrived at 6.20 p.m. and left at 6.40 p.m.

Liu Hwan-wen(Coolie No.200) arrived at 6.50 p.m. and left at 7.55 p.m.

Wong Sung-zai (ex-Coolie No.296) arrived at 7 p.m. and left at 8 p.m.

Coolie No.107 Dz Siao-pao arrived at 7.10 p.m. and left at 8.05 p.m.

Ganger No.8 Hsia Kuo-fu, Coolie No.195 Kwan Pu-yung and another coolie, unknown, arrived at 7.30 p.m. and left at 8.10 p.m.

An unknown Chinese of the coolie type entered the house at 8.20 p.m. and left at 8.30 p.m.

The watch was maintained till 9.05 p.m. Chen Kiu-feng was not at home during the period of the watch, he having left home at 2 p.m. for the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

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Section 1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date April 2, 1937.

Subject Activities of P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tae-liang Forwarded by T. Boyce. D.S.I.

Commencing from March 31, 1937, Chen Kiu-feng (陳九峰), Committee Member of the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation and principal advisor to the P.W.D. road construction coolies in their endeavour to organize a mutual aid society, has secretly distributed some 800 membership badges of this society to the road construction coolies. A specimen of this badge is hereto attached.

It appears that Chen Kiu-feng and several representatives of the coolies including Liu Hwan-vung (劉 煥 文) (Coolie No. 200, Antung Road Section), Kwan Boo-yuin (關 步 元) (Coolie No. 195, Soochow Road Depot) and Hsia Kuo-fu (夏 國 富) (Coolie No. 8, Dixwell Rd. Depot), in defiance of the instructions of the Municipal Police issued on March 8 ordering the cessation of the activities of the Society, have, in spite of a temporary lull, resumed their efforts to form an organization.

At present, the promoters are not active but are awaiting a reply from the S.M.C. to a petition which they submitted in the name of the Society on March 20, 1937 requesting permission to organize a Society.

Chen's home located at No. 8, Lane 351, Elgin Road, is used as a communication address, and as a place to which coolies' representatives of various districts pay flying visits from time to time. It has, however, been ascertained that his home has not been the venue of a meeting.

Sp. Br. Has Chen been informed again about why the Union still exists?

S.I. Inquire DSI?

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D.C. (Special Branch)

Secretary General

Translation of letter to Secretary General and Mr. T.K. Ho from the International Settlement Road Workers' Mutual Aid Association.

Dated 20th March, 1937.

P.W.D. Road Workers: Proposed Association

In the spirit of mutual assistance and co-operation we, road foremen and permanent workers, have organised this Association to accelerate the speed of our work and to eradicate irregularities. The Association is an advantage both to the Council and to the workers. Because some unscrupulous person who schemed to obtain irregular gains there has been some misunderstanding between the workers and the Council. It was not until the Council declared that it had no intention to reduce the number of workers that we began to realise the situation. It is evident that the Chief Foreman was responsible for the withholding the wages for the three holidays and for the dismissal of workers on 30th January last. To avoid misunderstanding and irregularities in future we beg to state our object and plan as follows for your consideration:-

A. Organisation and plan of work

1. The object in organising this Association is to foste[illegible] ship promote knowledge and the spirit of mutual respect [illegible] assistance among its members.

2. Members of this Association are road workers (includ[illegible] foremen and permanent workers) employed by the Public Works Depart[illegible] of the Council; non-workers are not eligible for membersh[illegible]

3. This Association will endeavour to improve the quality [illegible] and accelerate the speed, to prevent irregularities, to p[illegible] welfare of road workers and to establish free schools, [illegible] loan offices, etc., for members.

4. The work of this Association is solely for the welfare [illegible] workers; it will never engage in politics.

B. Disciplinary of the Association

1. To guard against the Chief Foreman [illegible] the number of workers employed, and [illegible]

the Council is asked to issue numbered caps to workers.

We find that many former Chief foremen are very wealthy; having become rich by forming a league with their subordinates and falsely reporting more workers than the actual number employed. For instance, a piece of work at certain place may require 200 workers; the Chief foreman sends only 100 men to take up the work. He obtains information beforehand and when it is proposed to inspect his books and register, he temporarily engages a sufficient number of loafers at 5 cents per capita to make up the shortage. This dishonest practice has existed for a long time; but unfortunately the Council is unaware of it. After the establishment of this Association the Council will from time to time be informed of all irregularities. If numbered caps are issued, dishonesty may largely be eliminated.

2. From time to time the Council must send officers to the place where work is proceeding to call the roll of workers, and then to check the number with the number entered in the account book.

3. Rain coats to be issued to workers so that they may work in rainy weather.

4. Foremen must not be held responsible for irregularities committed by the workers. If a foreman does not satisfactorily supervise his subordinates and his negligence is considered punishable, a fine not exceeding one day's wage may be inflicted. Formerly fines imposed on "iron-badge" foreman for negligence while supervising workers amounted to seven days' wage. This is excessive. Supposing a foreman is fined four times in a month, it means that he receives no pay for that month which would be unreasonable.

5. Unless a worker has made some serious mistake he must not be discharged. If discharge is necessary, the facts of the case must be announced to his fellow workers in justice to all, so that misunderstanding may be avoided and the action serve as a warning.

6. When an extra "brass-badge" or "iron-badge" foreman is required he must be chosen from among the road workers after examination; this to encourage workers and prevent irregularities.
7. To avoid confusion the design of badges for road workers should be different from those used by other orkers. (The Public Works Department recently proposed to change the road workers' badges. We would not have objected were it not for the fact that badges of the same design were also to be issued to sewer workers; this being likely to lead to complications. We have no wish to take over the work of others; neither do we wish road-building work to be taken over by others; for purposes of distinction different badges are necessary.)
8. The Council should issue a solatium for every road worker who is injured or dies in the discharge of his duty.
9. A number of workers formerly employed to transport sand and cobbles have been discharged; they should be reinstated. (Five workers were formerly employed for each carload of cobbles; that number has now been reduced to two, and they can only obtain work for two or three days in a week. As a result, sand and cobbles accumulate; the Chief foreman then invited a contractor to undertake the transportation and he makes out false accounts to enrich himself. The workers formerly engaged in transportation have thus been deprived of their daily employment. We beg the Council to abolish the contract system and have the transportation done by workers daily appointed by the Public Works Department.)

2. Detailed statement of most facts

We road workers have mostly been employed by the Public Works Department for a number of years and have rendered satisfactory service. The Public Health Department arranged with a contractor to undertake the work in connection with sewers for a period of 15 years. On expiry of the agreement in February this year, the Sewerage Section of the Public Health Department was to be

amalgamated with the Public Works Department; from that date no work, except repairs, would be required for sewers. As the sewer foreman feared that the 2000 workers under him might lose employment, he managed by using his influence with various parties to oust the road workers so that the vacancies might be filled by his own men. On 19th January the Public Works Department issued a notice discharging road workers on the pretext of retrenchment; the notice is as follows:-

"This Department has been instructed by the Council to economise in all possible ways. All salaries have been reduced. Economy in labour is also to be effected.

Gangers and Grade1 coolies:

On and after January 30, 1937, until further notice, in all districts, except Rubicon Sub-district, gangers and Grade 1 coolies only will be employed. These gangers and coolies will be paid weekly as at present, but, with the exception of special duty men, will receive pay only for the time during which they actually work and will be subject to daily engagement and discharge, as circumstances may require. The rates of pay will be as at present, that is:-

Gangers $0.79 per day

Grade 1 coolies $0.65 per day.

Rubicon Sub-district:

In Rubicon Sub-district, in addition to gangers and Grade 1 coolies, Grade 2 and 3 coolies will also be employed. All coolies will be paid in the manner laid down for gangers and Grade 1 coolies and will receive the same daily pay as at present, that is:-

Gangers	$0.79	per day
Grade 1 coolies	0.65	"
Grade 2 coolies	0.57	"
Grade 3 coolies	0.49	"

Special Duty Men:

Not more than 50 men in each area will be selected, by merit, from artisans and Grade 1 coolies, for special duty work and these men will be employed on a permanent weekly basis. These will be trained men who show ability in their work. They will be selected by the Assistant Engineer and Chief Inspector of the area concerned. In their own interests coolies are warned that the paying of gratuities, directly or indirectly, to foreman or any other employes of the Council is unnecessary and prohibited. Offenders will be dismissed. "

The road-workers were much alarmed by this notice, especially by the rule that in each area there would be at most 50 workers selected to perform special work. The so-called special duty men refer to us who number 1,200 permanent workers, 200 of whom are occupied in each area. According to the new arrangement only 500 Class 1 workers, including road workers and artisans, were to be selected. So besides the artisans, only over 20 of us would be employed. Thus about 90% of the present number of workers would be dismissed. There was consternation at such wholesale dismissals. On 21st January 32 workers in Soochow Road district were suspended, and badges for over 300 temporary workmen in Antung Road district were withdrawn. This was actually what happened. The workers then held several conferences and three representatives were elected from each district. The representatives were sworn in and after several days' discussions they agreed on 25th January to appeal to the Citizens' Federation and the Chinese Ratepayers' Association for assistance. On 27th of the same month, the Road Workers' Mutual Aid Asso. was formed. A Manifesto was issued specifying the seven reasons why workers should not be dismissed:-

1. Reduction of salary and staff should affect only senior officers drawing salaries of several hundred to several thousands of dollars per month.

2. The cause of economic depression is to be found in the increase of unemployment.

3. Recently the Municipal roads have been extended and widened and work on road building has increased daily.

4. As vehicles increase in numbers daily, and roads are easily worn out and torn up there is much more repair work to be done.

5. The original workers rendered meritorious service during the Sino-Japanese hostilities in 1932, by working under showers of bullets.

6. Very recently in all other professions wages have been increased, but we have never asked for any increase.

7. To engage temporary workers will lead to abuses, and such workers cannot be easily assembled.

The public being sympathetic towards us, feeling ran high. Unexpectedly on the morning of 30th January the Soochow Road district arbitrarily enforced the new regulations and dismissed workers Nos. 170 and 171; a strike followed. The 1,200 road workers elected representatives who appealed to the Citizens' Federation, Chinese Ratepayers' Association, Chinese Co-Secretary and Chinese Councillor Mr. Yu Yah-ching; on the following day they appealed to the City Kuomintang Party Headquarters, Bureau of Social Affairs, and the City Govt. The proceedings which extended over four days were orderly, and no incidents occurred. Mr. Yu Ya-ching having taken up the matter with the Council, assembled the representatives of roadworkers at offices of the San Peh Steam Navigation Co. at 8 p.m. on 2nd February. After advising them to resume work he replied to the representatives as follows:-

1. The Council has decided to deal with the matter according to the old practice and will not reduce the staff.

2. Separate relief measures will be adopted if no work can be done on account of rain or snow.

3. Road workers and sewer workers shall attend to their respective work and shall not interfere with each other.
4. The question of issuing numbered caps as a check against abuse may be taken up with the Council later.
5. The badges will not be changed, they will remain according to the old regulations.

The sole object of the representatives of road workers is to secure employment. They are satisfied since the workers are allowed to continue their work according to old regulations. On 3rd February, all the workers, including the 32 discharged, returned to work. The workers Nos. 170 and 179 resumed work at the same time, after Zi Mei-seng had provided them with temporary badges. The matter was thus completely settled.

During the strike, it was discovered that Zi-Mei-seng, a foreman in the Soochow Road district, had fraudulently kept back three days wages due to the workers for the New Year Holidays. After the Mutual Aid Association protested against this he agreed to release the full amount of the wages.

Over 300 temporary workers in the Antung Road district were discharged, and their badges have not yet been re-issued. They have appealed to the Citizens' Federation, the Chinese Ratepayers' Association and the Chinese Councillor Mr. Yu Ya-ching for assistance in recovering employment. On 18th February the following statement made by the Council was published in various newspapers:-

"Official statement made by the Council concerning discharge of road workers. Two weeks ago various Chinese newspapers reported that 90% of the road workers employed by the Public Works Department would be discharged. Yesterday and the day before yesterday the Press reported that the number of workers would be reduced by drawing lots on 28th February. These reports are absolutely incorrect.

Up to the present the Council has not intended to reduce the number of road workers. The above reports are believed to have been fabricated by certain individuals who alleged that the Council was about to curtail the number of workers but consented to make certain concessions as a result of protest. The purpose of these false reports is to extort money from the workers. The newspaper reports concerning working time and wages are also at variance with facts. In winter the workers work 8½ hours per day, and in summer 9 hours per day. The wages of first class workers are 65 cents per day; half that amount is paid to those who perform no work on rainy days and holidays, and the full amount is paid to those who work on such days. Each year three days are allowed for the New Year holidays, and one day for the Dragon Boat Festival. On such days full wages are paid and those who work as usual on such occasions are given double wages. These are facts."

According to the above statement, the Council does not propose to reduce the number of roadworkers. How did it come about that the Soochow Road and Antung Road workers were discharged? It is believed that some foremen of the Works Department, in league with each other, committed irregularities to deceive their superiors and to oppress their subordinates, and thus they brought about the discharges. How could the workers know the intrigues of the foremen? The above mentioned reports were certainly not fabricated. An official notification remains in a conspicuous position in the offices of the Public Works Department. Has the Council not been informed of this? As far as we know, the cause of the discharges was that the drain workers were trying to take over the work of the road workers. Evidence has lately been found to prove this fact. There were originally 181 road workers in the whole district of Tatung Road and Harbinn Road. When the old badges were changed for new ones, as many as 181 badges were issued. Apart from the

original 181 road workers, the remaining 210 workers are all drain workers. Evidently the drain workers are trying to encroach on the work of the road workers. Should trouble arise in future, how will the road workers be distinguished from the drain workers? We therefore elected representatives again to appeal to Mr. Yu Ya Ching to ask the Council not to require a change in the badges. If the change is deemed necessary, the drain workers and road workers should be provided with different badges for the purpose of identification. Specimens of three kinds of badges, viz: 1 New Badge No.143, 2 Drain Workers' Badge No.296 and 3 Road Workers Badge No.87 were handed to Mr. Yu Ya Ching for investigation.

At that time the services of road workers Nos. 170 and 179 in the Soochow Road district had been dispensed with. Neither the foreigner nor the foreman admitted responsibility. The road workers in that district, learning that these two workers were some time ago the cause of a strike, and were now again discharged, proposed to resume the strike. On being informed of the matter this Association issued the following notice urging the workers to peacefully carry on their duties and not to create any disturbance:

"According to a confidential report the cards belonging to road workers Nos. 170 and 179 in the Soochow Road northern district have been withdrawn by McLellan(?) and their services ordered to be suspended, and the road workers in that district have proposed to start a go-slow strike as a protest against the action.

We find that sympathy should no doubt be extended to road workers who are unreasonably discharged; but as the Council has declared that it has no intention of reducing the staff; the withdrawal of the cards must be due to some other reason. We shall take the matter up with the Council and hope that road workers will not create any disturbance in the interim.

but peacefully carry on their work as usual pending a settlement of the question."

Since the issue of the above notice road workers have all kept quiet and we accordingly requested the Council not to discharge the two workers. On the 8th instant, at roll call time, the foreigner, Wetmore (?) falsely accused road worker No.296 in the Dixwell Road district of breach of regulations; the worker was fined half a day's wages. As a matter of fact the case of that worker was in the hands of Mr. Yu. The foreigner only did this in spite, which provoked the road workers to go on strike. As soon as the matter was made known to the Association the workers were urged to resume work. Fortunately no untoward incident occurred, and on the morning of the 9th work was resumed, as usual. It was never expected that Wetmore would again charge worker No.296 as the ringleader in the strike, and order him to be discharged. This discharge would have culminated in a second general strike had it not been for the fact that warning had repeatedly been given by this Association to the workers against creating disturbances. The situation has remained calm; but in a state of unrest we fear nothing can prevent trouble breaking out. The above is an account of what has been going on.

The Secretary-General and Mr. T.K. Ho are asked to investigate the above three questions and to deal with the matter step by step.

(Chopped) International Settlement Road
Workers' Mutual Aid Association.

P.S. When the above letter was drafted but had not been sent out, an official was sent by the Council's Political Section to the Association to advise the discontinuance of all activities. On receipt of these instructions, which we could not oppose, we caused all meetings to be suspended and refrained from making any

statement. The purpose of organizing the Mutual Aid Association is solely to promote the welfare of its members. Road workers who have no connection with each other and are left without any supervision, are joined together in a regular organization which will lead them along the regular track, thus enabling the Authorities to easily exercise control, forestall unfortunate incidents and prevent the men from being lured into wrong doing by reactionaries. The advantages of such an organization can therefore be easily seen. The Secretary-General and Mr. T.K.Ho are asked to permit the formation of the Mutual Aid Association under the direction of the Council. The Association will function according to law, and will offer its co-operation.

Reply solicited.

(Note: Received for translation noon, Saturday, 20th March, 1937)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date March 24, 1937.

Subject Allegations against certain foremen and gangers of P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by T. Boyne D.S.I.

With reference to the attached anonymous letter containing allegations against certain foremen and gangers of the P.W.D., regarding the formation of a union, I have to report that of the six persons whose names are mentioned, five are known to the Municipal Police, viz.

1. Wong Hong-sung (王洪生), foreman.
2. Chang Zang-shing (張長興), ganger.
3. Li Foh-ling (李福林), foreman.
4. Sung Yi-yoong (宋以榮), ganger.
5. Chu Kung-sung (朱根生), foreman.

Of the five persons listed above, four namely Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, were among the representatives of the coolies who were instrumental in forming the International Settlement Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society in January, 1937. The activities of these four representatives were practically negligible, however, as the affairs of this society were monopolized by the coolie representatives.

Their objects in participating in this movement were for the purpose of appeasing the coolies and safeguarding their own position.

Of these five persons, the remaining one, No.5, was merely an ordinary member of the society and took no part in its activities.

Subsequent to their learning that the existence of this society was prohibited by the Municipal Authorities, all these foremen and gangers have gladly severed their connections with the organisation.

The writer of this anonymous letter gives his name in the letter as "Tsz Chah" (知查) and cannot be identified.

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As the Chinese character, "Tsz Chah", denotes "sensation" or "feeling", there is every likelihood that there is no such person in existence, bearing this name.

According to the postmark, the letter was posted at 10 a.m. March 18, at the 9th Sub-Office of the Chinese Post Office, located at Carter Road.

Discreet enquiries among foremen and coolies have failed to elicit any trace of the writer of this letter or information which may throw light on this complaint. There is, however, some difference existing between the road construction coolies and the sewerage coolies owing to the former's strong objection to the latter's amalgamation with them, through the adoption of a new badge.

The strong objection of the road construction coolies to the change of badges may be attributed to the belief that by the adoption of new badges, the sewerage coolies who are permanent coolies will be automatically amalgamated with the road construction coolies, who were originally on the permanent staff. By this amalgamation, the road construction coolies are of the opinion that they will lose the preference to which, they consider they are entitled in view of their former position.

Chen Kiu-feng (陳九峰), committee member of the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation, who was the principal advisor to the P.W.D. road construction coolies in the formation of the Society, has almost severed his relation with the coolies since he received instructions from the Municipal Police to suspend his activities regarding the

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Society. He is now busily engaged in making preparations for the coming election of the committee of the Chinese Ratepayers' Association in order to secure his re-election.

The International Settlement Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society has now practically ceased to function although no formal announcement of its dissolution has been made. Its title may be used by certain unruly elements later on whenever an opportunity offers. As far as can be ascertained, all the principal promoters among the coolies, whose enthusiasm has been dampened to a great degree by the dismissal of coolie named Wong Shang-zai (No.296) on March 8 are now confining their attention to their own job, presumably bidding their time before indulging in further activities.

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Translation of Anonymous Letter Received by Post on March 19, 1937.

March 16,1937.

To the Officer in charge Special Branch.

Certain persons who have no connection with the Public Works Department of the S.M.C. are at present instigating the coolies and foremen of the P.W.D. to form a Union. Anyone who refuses to join the union is treated as a "reactionary". The promoters are very careful in avoiding Police attention. It is requested that the Special Branch will place the representatives of all districts under strict surveillance or get rid of them in some way in order that their activities may be stopped and the unrest removed. The names of the district representatives are as follows :-

General Representatives : Foreman Wong Hong Sung(王洪生)
Ganger Chang Zang Shing(張長興)

Western Dist. Representatives : Foreman Chu Kung Sung(朱根生)
Ganger Chang Zang Shing(張長興)

Central Dist. representatives : Foreman Li Foh Ling(李福林)
Ganger Sung Yi Yoong(宋以勇)

Eastern Dist. representatives : Foreman Wong Hong Sung(王洪生)
Ganger Chang Chang(張張)

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So enquiring what is Chan doing now?

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Date March 18, 1937.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE S. B. REGISTRY Date

Subject (in full) Exchange of P.W.D. Coolies' badges.

Made by D.P.S. Henchman *Forwarded by* T Bogue DSI.

Information has been received from Mr. Law of the P.W.D. to the effect that providing the attitude of the coolies is favourable an attempt will be made at 6 a.m. on 22nd March to change the badges of the coolies at the Antung Road and Dixwell Road P.W.D. Depots. If the coolies at the above mentioned depots accept the new badges the change may also be effected at the Soochow Road Depot on the same date, 22nd March.

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REPORT

Date March 13, 1937.

Subject Activities of P.W.D. Road Construction Coolie No.296.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by T. Boyce D.S.I.

Wong Shang-zai (王雙才), ex-coolie No.296 of the Dixwell Road Depot visited the P.W.D. Administration Building, Hankow Road, at 10 a.m. March 13, 1937 for the purpose of requesting reinstatement. Clerk Wong of the P.W.D. who received him stated that as he had already appealed to Mr. Yu Ya-ching for assistance it might help his case if he could secure a letter of recommendation from Mr. Yu Ya-ching. The ex-coolie then withdrew.

At 5 p.m. the same day Wong Shang-zai called upon Mr. Yu Ya-ching at the San Peh Steamship Company, 93 Canton Road and explained the situation to him. In reply Mr. Yu Ya-ching promised to approach the P.W.D. authorities in the matter and to give a reply in three days.

The $45 deposit money paid by the road construction coolie to the Ningpo Fellow Countrymen's Association for the use of the hall was refunded to the coolies' delegation on March 12.

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REPORT

Date March 10, 19 37.

Subject P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies - Unrest.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by T. Boyne D.S.I.

At 1.30 p.m. March 9, 1937, the dismissed Road Construction Coolie No. 296 Wong Saung-zai( ) called at the San Peh Steamship Navigation Co., 93 Canton Road, for the purpose of enlisting the assistance of Mr. Yu Ya-ching in securing reinstatement. Mr. Yu Ya-ching interviewed him at 6.30 p.m. when Wong explained his case. In reply, Mr. Yu stated that he could render assistance only if Wong's dismissal resulted from the dispute over the badge, and that he could not assume any responsibility in the present case. Eventually, Wong was told to call again on March 10, for any information which might be available.

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REPORT

Date March 12, 1937.

Subject Activities of P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang *Forwarded by* J. Coyne D.S.I.

At 3.30 p.m. March 11, 1937, Wong Shang-zai (王双才), the dismissed road construction coolie of the P.W.D. Dixwell Road Depot, accompanied by five coolies named Liu Hwan-vung (劉煥文) and Tsai Fu-yung (蔡富榮), both attached to Antung Road Section, and Sung Zoong-yuen (沈仲元), Hsu Kiu-loong (許九龍) and Wong Lih-sung (王立生), who are attached to Shunteh Road Depot, called at the Secretariat of the S.M.C. Administration Building, with a view to obtaining an interview with Mr. T.K. Ho, Chinese Secretary. As Mr. Ho refused to receive them, they subsequently left and went to the San Peh Steamship Company, 93 Canton Road. At 3.45 p.m. Mr. Yu Ya Ching, Chinese councillor of the S.M.C., interviewed them, and during the interview they submitted the following requests :-

1. That the Ningpo Fellow Countrymen's Association be urged to refund the $45 paid as deposit by the coolies for the use of the hall on March 14.
2. That the dismissed coolie be reinstated.

In reply, Mr. Yu promised to arrange with the Ningpo Fellow Countrymen's Association for the refunding of the money and stated that with regard to the dismissal he had made enquiries at the P.W.D. and discovered that it was due to the coolie's failure to observe the rules of the Depot and that the coolies had instigated his colleagues to declare a strike. In conclusion Mr. Yu Ya Ching remarked that he was unable to do anything in the matter and advised the coolies not to create disturbances but to work peacefully and diligently. The delegation withdrew at 4.15 p.m.

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The delegation subsequently went to the Ningpo Fellow Countrymen's Association, 480 Yu Ya Ching Road, with the object of receiving back the $45, but owing to the absence of the accountant were told to come again on March 12, 1937.

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REPORT

Date March 11, 1937.

Subject Chen Kiu-feng (陳立峰)

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by J. Boyne D.S.I

The watch on the movements of Chen Kiu-feng, principal advisor to the International Settlement Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society, was maintained on March 10, 1937 with the following results :

At 11.45 a.m. March 10, Chen left the Chai Loh Hotel, 250 Yu Yah Ching Road where he had stayed over night. He returned to his home at Lane 351, No.8 Elgin Road by ricsha.

At 7 p.m. he left home in his private ricsha No.8364 and arrived at the Chai Loh Hotel. Thirty minutes later he left and went to the cabaret located in the Ta Fong Hotel, 31-33-35 Avenue Edward VII (French Concession). He stayed there till 1.50 a.m. March 11, when he left and arrived at his home at 2.05 a.m.

Enquiries made at the hotel reveal that he visited the hotel in the morning to pay his bill.

During his stay at home during the day, road construction coolie No.45 Li Ching-tsung (李景春) attached to Dixwell Road Depot, called on Chen at about noon and enquired about the holding of the inaugural meeting of the Coolies' Mutual Aid Society on March 14, 1937 in the Ningpo Fellow Countrymen's Association. In reply Chen stated that the plan for the meeting had been abandoned in order to avoid further complications in view of the great dissatisfaction of the Settlement Authorities towards the Society following the rash conduct of coolie No.296 in connection with his dismissal. He advised the caller to solicit the assistance of Mr. Yu Ya Ching in obtaining the $45.00 paid to the Ningpo Fellow Countrymen's Association

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as deposit for the hire of the hall for the meeting. In conclusion Chen Kiu-feng remarked that it was not advisable for the coolies to make frequent visits to his address in future. Coolie No.45 left at 1.20 p.m.

At 7 p.m. March 10, some ten coolies attached to the Shun Teh Road Depot visited Chen's home for the purpose of discussing a private quarrel between a coolie and a ganger. On the advice of Chen, these coolies did not hold a discussion but left his house.

According to information received, Chen Kiu-feng has agreed to dissolve the Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society, but dare not inform the coolies of his decision, partly because he will "lose face" and partly because he fears the coolies will take action against him. He has already collected a sum of more than $1,000 from coolies to defray the expenses of the Society. Of this sum, $600 has been spent in furnishing the house accommodating the office of the Society, and providing funds for the printed propaganda. If he announces the dissolution of the Society, the coolies will naturally demand the refunding of the money, and Chen is not in a position to comply with this demand. He is now hoping that the Society will die a natural death.

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Chapei District Squatters' Federation - Inaugurated

A new organization entitled the "Chapei District Squatters' Federation" was formally inaugurated at 2 p.m. March 8 in a hut situated at the corner of Chung Hwa Sing Road, and Pu Zuan Road, Chapei. This organization is directed by Chen Kiu-feng, a committee member of the First Special District Citizens' Federation.

The following squatters form the Standing Committee of the Federation :-

Liu Feng-san (刘凤山)
Li Teh-chong (李德昌)
Liu Tsing-siu (刘进修)
Fee Tuh-yu (费德裕)
Wong Chi-an (王哲安)

Out of 20,000 squatter families, about 400 are members. The Federation plans to collect $0.10 every month from each family for the purpose of conducting welfare enterprises among the squatters.

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REPORT

Date March 10, 1937.

Subject Chen Kiu-feng (陳九峰).

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by T. Boyne K. S. I.

A close watch was maintained on March 9 on the movements of Chen Kiu-feng, principal advisor to the International Settlement Road Construction Coolies Mutual Aid Society, with the following results :-

He remained at his home at Lane 351, No.8 Elgin Road, until 3.15 p.m. when he left in a Johnson hire car No.18599. Discreet enquiries subsequently made elicited the information that he was proceeding to see squatters on Chung Hwa Sing Road, Chapei.

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He was later located on Chung Hwa Sing Road, Chapei, where he was addressing some 70 squatters.

At 4 p.m. he left Chapei in a ricsha and went to the Chinese Ratepayers' Association, 59 Hongkong Road. He left at 5.20 p.m.

At 5.45 p.m. he arrived at the Chai Loh Hotel, 250 Yu Ya Ching Road, and hired Room No.118, where he stayed throughout the night. According to the employees of the hotel, he received no visitors of the coolie type.

However, during the evening of March 9, 1937, Yu Yao-chiu (俞耀球), a member of the local Tangpu, called on Chen at the hotel and conveyed to him the Tangpu's decision forbidding the organization of the Coolies' Mutual Aid Society, and instructing him to sever his relations with the coolies. In reply, Chen stated that he had no desire to organize the Society and that in order to avoid further connection with the coolies he intended not to return home for a few days. In conclusion he remarked that coolies of all depots were peaceful except those of the Dixwell Road Depot, among whom were some fiery tempered

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D.C. (Sp. Br)
Dr Sheng informed re activities of Chen Kun feng in addressing squatters in Chapei. The interview with Chen by a Tangpu delegate in the hotel was the result of our representations made to Tangpu re Chen's connection with the Mutual Aid Association which was indicated by letters sent to SMP on which a chop of the Assn. was used. Tam 12/3

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REPORT

Date March 9, 1937.

Subject I.J.D. Road Construction Coolies - Unrest.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse Liang Forwarded by J. Boyne D.S.I.

At about 7 p.m. March 8, 1937, some thirty road construction coolies gathered at the office of the International Settlement Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society, Lane 351, No.8 Elgin Road. Half an hour later Chen Kiu Feng (陳九峯), principal adviser to the Society, addressed the attendance stating that they should not resort to a declaration of a strike as a demonstration of their grievance, but always refer the dispute to Mr. Yu Yah Ching, Chinese member of the S.M.C. for negotiation. Coolie No.296 Yong Saung Zai (楊雙才) who was the cause of the dispute at Dixwell Road Depot on the morning of March 8 which resulted in a transient strike of coolies at the depot, declared that the coolies went on strike of their own accord and later resumed on his persuasion. He promised to be careful in future. The coolies dispersed at 7.40 p.m. without arriving at any decision.

Addressing the gathering, Chen Kiu Feng made no reference to the order he had received from the Police to close the office and remove the Society from the Settlement.

At 6.30 a.m. March 9, when coolies were attending the morning roll call at the Dixwell Road Depot, the I.W.D. authorities announced the dismissal of Coolie No.296 Yong Saung Zai. After a brief argument with the I.W.D. authorities, the dismissed coolie left the depot. At 8 a.m. he arrived at the office of the Society and interviewed Chen Kiu Feng to whom he explained the recent development. Chen advised him to summon all delegates and call on Mr. Yu Yah Ching at his office in the San Peh Steamship Navigation Co., 93 Canton Road during the afternoon March 9, 1937 for the purpose of enlisting his assistance in securing re-instatement. Chen added that

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in emphasizing their request, it should be pointed out to Mr. Yu that Wong's dismissal was the result of the handing over of his badge to Mr. Yu several days ago. In conclusion, Chen added that should Mr. Yu fail to give any satisfactory answer, Wong Saung Zai should take his luggage to San Peh Steamship Co. and sleep on its premises, so as to clear himself of any responsibility for any action which might be taken by the coolies in future. Wong Saung Zai agreed and left the address at 5.20 a.m.

Sibi Tsu Liang
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Extract from the Morning State

dated 9-3-37.

DISRUPTION OF WORK BY P.W.D.
ROAD CONSTRUCTION COOLIES

Vide Morning State dated March 8, 1937:-

At 8.45 a.m. on the advice of a representative of the Road Construction Coolies Mutual Aid Society work was resumed by the Road Construction Coolies attached to the P.W.D. Depot Dixwell Road.

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At 6.30 a.m. 9-3-37 at the Dixwell Road Depot Mr. Law P.W.D. dismissed from work coolie No.296. This coolie following dismissal left the Depot closely followed by Police, and a large gathering of coolies.

The gathering walked along Dixwell Road to Yalu Road where, coolie No.296 jumped onto a passing P.W.D. lorry proceeding towards Point Road.

The coolies, numbering about 100, who had followed 296 then dispersed and returned to their respective jobs of work.

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Date March 9, 1937.

Subject S.I.r. warning to the Shanghai International Settlement Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society (unlicensed) to cease functioning in the Settlement.

Made by D.S.I. Laurier Forwarded by T. Bogue D.S.I.

With reference to the report of March 8th on the transient strike of the P.W.D. road construction coolies, and the activities of the Shanghai International Settlement road construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society; the illegal nature of this organization's functions, and the Labour Law which the existence of the Society contravenes, were communicated to D.O. "C" Division.

On the instructions of the D.O. "C" Division, the Inspector in charge of West Hongkew Station, at 5 p.m. on March 8th, accompanied by a party of uniformed police, proceeded to the offices of the above Society, situated at House 8, Lane 351, Main Road.

No signboard or other indication of the Society's activities could be seen over the door of the house or in the lane leading to it.

It was ascertained, on entering, that the premises are occupied by one Chen Kiu Feng (陳九峰), President of the Society, and his family, who live on the first floor. The ground floor is taken up with a kitchen, in rear of the building, and an office, adjoining which is a large room where the meetings of the Society are held. This room contains four tables, placed end to end, around which are arranged 13 chairs, whilst two rows, each of 9 cane-seated stools, are ranged along the sides of two walls. The room appears to have been recently renovated. the furniture is new and a large electric chandelier hanging from the centre of the ceiling and two electric lamp brackets on the walls appear to have been recently installed.

Chen Kiu Feng was interviewed by ~~Chief~~ Inspector Eva in the presence of the rest of the police party, and was told that his organization was illegal and that neither the

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Shanghai Municipal Council, the local Tangpu or the Bureau of Social Affairs approved of it. He was reminded that the Society was operating without a Club licence and that the S.M.C. would not grant one even if one were applied for. He was given two days' notice to close the meeting room and told that no more meetings were to be held in the Settlement. He was warned that should he disregard these injunctions that he would be proceeded against by summons. Two representatives of the Special Branch were present during the interview.

With regard to the meeting of delegates of the P.W.D. road construction coolies convened for 6 p.m. that evening: Chen Kiu Feng was instructed to cancel it.

He agreed to comply with the instructions given him by ~~Chief~~ Inspector Eva, and gave his assurance that when the coolies' delegates arrived at 6 p.m. they would be sent away. The police party left the premises at 5.30 p.m. leaving a detective in the vicinity.

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C O P Y

Art. 37 Labour Law

A labour union may be dissolved by the competent authority for any of the following reasons:-

(1) Failure to fulfill the essential requirements for the founding of the union.

Art. 16. Labour unions of workers (public utilities) shall have no right to conclude collective agreements.

Art. 11. A director of a union shall be a member of the union (a worker or ex-worker) unless otherwise approved by proper authority.

Art. 27 (8) A labour union, officers or members shall not commit any of the following acts:-

(8) Collect membership fees or any funds without authorisation.

Art. 47. Any breach of Art. 27 Fine up to $200.

Police Law

Art. 33 (1)

Work or business contrary to mandate or regulations.

Bye Law xxxiv Club licence.

Illegal labour organisation not approved by the Tangpu nor Social Bureau.

No club license applied for and same if applied for will not be granted.

He must close forthwith and not attempt to reopen in the Settlement.

(Signed) K.M.B.

Special Branch. March 8,1937.

Note

D.O. will probably give them a day or two grace. If further difficulties can prosecute Chen under labour law (consult M.A.) no club licence (bye laws) etc.etc.

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Date March 8, 1937.

Subject Chen Kiu-feng (陳九峰)

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by T Boyne D S I

Chen Kiu-feng (陳九峰), principal advisor to the S.M.C. Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society, is a committee member of the 5th District Branch Citizens' Association, and the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation, north Soochow Road. He is also on the committee of the Chinese Ratepayers' Association, Hongkong Road. His past activities may be summarised as follows :-

He participated in the activities of the Committee of Various Bodies to Support Patriots, organized by the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation, in connection with the arrest and conviction of persons by the Municipal Police for bomb-throwing.

In December, 1936, he promoted the Leather Article Workshop Owners' Association, located at Ping Tsz Zoe Club, Yunnan Road. His activities were cut short owing to the strong opposition of the traders concerned, on the ground that he himself was not a leather article trader.

He was a member of the Smuggling Prevention Society of Shanghai Various Circles organized at a meeting held on June 24, 1936, [redacted] by the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation.

He was advisor to the squatters in the Eastern and Western Districts in forming the Shanghai Municipality Squatters' Federation in 1936 and in opposing the decision of the S.M.C. to demolish squatters' huts.

As far as can be ascertained, Chen Kiu-feng has no regular employment or business, and appears to obtain his living by taking advantage of opportunities to form organisations.

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Sih Tse-liang
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File No. S.B. D. 7

Date March 8, 1937.

Subject Arrest of three P.W.D. coolies at West Hongkew Station.

Made by D.P.S. Henchman *Forwarded by* J. Coyne D.S.I.

On the early morning of 8th March a dispute occurred at the Dixwell Road P.W.D. Depot between road construction coolie No.296 Wong Saung Zai (王祥才) and P.W.D. Inspector J. Weidman.

This dispute arrose as a result of the P.W.D. Inspector's refusal to give employment to coolie No.296, who had recently been suspended, and was the cause of a "tai-kung" strike of a few hours duration, the coolies refusing to go to work as a protest against the inspector's action.

Coolie No.296 having been refused employment went to the offices of the P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies Mutual Aid Society on Elgin Road and stated his case. It appears that he received little sympathy and was told that the remainder of the coolies at the Dixwell Road Depot would at once resume work. (The coolies resumed work at 8.45 a.m.)

After visiting the offices of his association Coolie No.296 announced his intention of returning to his home at 407 Jansen Road, but while passing West Hongkew Station he stopped to speak to a number of P.W.D. road construction coolies who were working outside Police Station. S.P.C. 662 who was standing at the entrance of the station witnessed the arrival of coolie No.296 and saw the coolies gather round him. Anxious to find out what was going on he approached the coolies and overheard coolie No.296 use the Chinese word for strike, "Bo-Kung" (罢工). Thinking that No.296 was endeavouring to induce the other coolies to strike he spoke to him, but was told not to interfere. S.P.C. 662 then arrested the man and took him inside the Station.

Shortly after two other road construction coolies, No.107 Zu Yung San (朱永山), and No.275, Wong Yung Sung (王永生), were arrested for loitering outside the West Hongkew Station,

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their intention apparently being to request the release of coolie No.296. Yuan Siao Sz Ts (袁小四), a road construction coolie and witness of the arrest of coolie No.296 was taken to the Station and when questioned stated that coolie No.296 had not tried to induce the coolies to strike but was merely relating to them the events that had taken place at the Dixwell Road Depot that morning.

Coolie No.296 when questioned stated that he was not endeavouring to induce the coolies to strike but was explaining to them why he had refused employment that morning.

There being insufficient evidence to warrant a charge, the three coolies were released at 12.25 p.m.

During the course of the morning, 8th March, two letters concerning the arrest of coolie No.296 were received at the West Longkew Station; one letter was from the Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society and the other from the Shanghai Municipality Citizens' Federation. Letters and translation hereto attached.

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Translation of a letter from the International Settlement Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society to West Hongkew Police Station on the morning of March 8, 1937

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This morning, a disagreement arose between Mr. Weidmann of Dixwell Road P.W.D. Depot and a road construction coolie named Wong Saung-zai (王双才) when the former prohibited the latter from resuming duty. This disagreement resulted in the whole body of coolies declaring a tai-kung strike. On learning of this movement, this Society instantly persuaded the coolies to resume work. At present normal conditions prevail. Unexpectedly, Wong Saung-zai and others were arrested while passing the corner of Haining and North Shanse Roads. Consequently you are requested to release them in order to remove any misunderstanding and preserve peace and good order.

The International Settlement Road
Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid
Society. March 8, 1937.

West Hongkew Police Station.

B

Translation of a letter from 1st Special District Citizens' Federation dated March 8, 1937

Haining Road Police Station.

Dear Sirs:

We are in receipt of a letter from the Shanghai International Settlement Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society stating as follows :-

"This morning a foreign officer named Weidman attached to the P.W.D. Dixwell Road Depot oppressed the road construction coolies there and caused a "tai-kung" strike.

"This Society immediately sent a representative to advise the coolies to be calm and to await a settlement of the dispute. The coolies accepted this advice and resumed work. Unexpectedly, a road construction coolie named Wong Song-zai (王松生), who resumed work on the advice of the representative of this Society, was subsequently arrested and detained at Haining Road Police Station.

"The arrest and detention of the coolie has alarmed the other coolies. With a view to preventing the incident from becoming aggravated, we request your Federation to uphold justice and send a letter to the Police Station requesting the release of the coolie in order to ease the minds of his colleagues."

Please have the coolie released immediately in commiseration of the miserable life he is leading.

(Chopped) The 1st Special District Citizens' Federation

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REPORT

Date march 8, 19 37.

Subject Transient strike of P.W.D.road construction coolies at the Dixwell Road Depot.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by J Coyne D S I

At 6.30 a.m. March 8, 1937, when the road construction coolies of the P.W.D.Dixwell Road Depot attended the morning roll-call, coolie No.296 Wong Saung-zai (王双全), who had been suspended for the past few days for failing to produce his working badge, arrived. Instead of taking up his usual position in the line of coolies, coolie No.296 approached Mr. Weidman, P.W.D.Inspector, who was superintending the roll-call, and demanded that he should be given work. Mr. Weidman told the coolie that if he wanted to work, he must take his place in the line of coolies. This the coolie refused to do and as a result was told he would be fined a sum equivalent to 1/4 day's pay. The coolie then declared that he would not accept this punishment and in consequence was told by Mr. Weidman that he would not be given work for the day in question, March 8. This decision of the P.W.D. Inspector caused general dissatisfaction among the remainder of the coolies who, as a protest, refused to go to work and at 7 p.m. declared a "tai-kung" strike.

The strike was, however, called off at 8.45 a.m. on the advice of a messenger from the Shanghai International Settlement Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society.

It is learned that representatives of the coolies will hold an urgent meeting in the office of the Society, Lane 351, No.8 Elgin Road at 6 p.m. March 8, to discuss the matter.

Copies of a notice announcing the inaugural meeting of the Mutual Aid Society at 2 p.m. March 14, in the Ningpo Fellow Countrymen's Association, and admission tickets to the meeting, were distributed among the P.W.D.road construction coolies on the afternoon of March 7.

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A translation of the notice and the admission ticket is hereto attached.

Sih Tsu Liang
C. D. I.

D. C. (Special Branch)

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D.O's. A. & C.
Wongkew & Kaohing Rd
Dist. Sgt.

TRANSLATION

Notice No.2 of the Shanghai International Settlement Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society

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Notice is hereby given that the formation of the Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society is now completed and it is announced that a general meeting of road construction coolies will be held at 1 p.m. march 14 in the auditorium of the Ningpo Fellow Countrymen's Association, Yu Ya Ching Road. Please attend the meeting and produce the attached admission ticket.

(Chopped) The Shanghai International Settlement Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society.

March ....., the 26th Year of the Republic of China.

The Shanghai International Settlement Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society

General Meeting of Road Construction Coolies

Address	Time
The Ningpo Fellow Countrymen's Association, Yu Ya Ching Road.	1 p.m. march 14, the 26th Year of the Republic of China.

Admission Ticket

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REPORT

Date March 7, 1937.

Subject Activities of P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by J Boyne D. S. I

Between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. March 5, 1937, some twenty representatives of the P.W.D. road construction coolies, gangers and foremen held a meeting at the office of the Coolies' Mutual Aid Society at Lane 351, house No.8 Elgin Road, to discuss the plan of forming the coolies, gangers and foremen into a Mutual Aid Society. Chen Kiu-feng (陳九峰), principal adviser to the coolies, stated that he would assume full responsibility and lead them in the movement. He also promised that he would never be influenced by an outsider to change his decision. The representatives of the road construction coolies then requested Chen to ask Mr. Yu Ya Ching, Chinese councillor of the S.M.C., to return the coolies' badges which were loaned to him as specimens a few days ago. Chen agreed to look into this matter. Finally it was decided to hold the inaugural meeting of the Mutual Aid Society at 2 p.m. March 14 in the Ningpo Fellow Countrymen's Association, 480 Ya Ya Ching Road.

Mimeographed copies of the following notices were given to those present to be distributed among their colleagues :-

1) Notification No.3 of the Shanghai International Settlement Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society.

2) Draft of an agreement between road construction coolies and foremen of the P.W.D.

Translations of both pamphlets are attached to this report.

Sih Tse-liang
C. D. I.

D. C. (Special Branch)

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Notification No.3 of the Shanghai International Settlement Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society

Secret information has been received to the effect that the badges of Coolies Nos.170 and 179 attached to the Soochow Road Depot were withheld by Messrs. McLellan and Hayler and the two coolies were thus compelled to suspend work. As a consequence the workers in that district are now contemplating a "tai-kung" strike as a protest.

It is unfortunate that the services of these two coolies were terminated without fault on their part. The Council having declared that it has no intention of reducing staff, the withdrawal of the badges of the coolies may possibly be accounted for in some other way.

Coolies should work as usual pending negtoations by this Association with the authorities.

TRANSLATION

Draft of an agreement between the road construction foremen (Brass and Iron badges) and coolies of the International Public Works Department.

Because we, both foremen and coolies, are of the labour class and have close working relations, we should aid each other so that we will both live in prosperity. With this aim in view, we decided to organize a mutual aid society to promote our welfare. Hereafter both foremen and coolies will maintain a united front.

The following terms are agreed upon by representatives of both sides; any one side or individual who fails to observe this agreement will be dealt with by the Society.

Art. 1. During working hours, coolies should follow the directions of the foremen, while the latter should behave properly towards the coolies. Each should do his duty diligently.

Art. 2. After working hours, both foremen and coolies enjoy equality, no jealousy should exist between them.

Art. 3. When a coolie is lazy or behaves badly, the foreman should not report it to his senior, but should note the number and name of the coolie concerned and report to the Society through the representative (? of the foremen). The society will give advice to the coolies or punish him.

Art. 4. The coolies should not report to their seniors (ranks higher than foreman) any embezzlement, illegal act, or other breach of regulations, committed by their foremen.

Art. 5. If foremen are guilty of oppressions, the coolies should not open direct negotiations with their foremen but should report the matter to the Society. The society, on receiving the report, will investigate the case and punish, if necessary, the foreman concerned.

Art. 6. If the S.M.C. authorities oppress the foremen, the coolies should afford them, the foremen, their wholehearted support.

Art. 7. If the S.M.C. authorities oppress the coolies, the foremen should afford them, the coolies, their wholehearted support.

Art. 8. The coolies and foremen should support each other at all times.

Art. 9 The foremen and coolies should support their leader and obey him.

Art. 10. The foremen and coolies should strictly adhere to and support the regulations of the Society.

Art. 11. The foremen and coolies will reject exploitation by any party, or clique.

Art. 12. Should any one fail to observe this agreeement, it will be regarded as a sign that he is willing to forfeit his qualifications as a coolie or foreman and is willing receive punishment from his colleagues.

Art. 13. There are altogether three copies of this agreement; one is kept by the representative of the foremen, one by the representative of the coolies and the remaining one by the Society.

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Date March 4, 1937.

Subject P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies - activities.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by J Coyne D.S.I.

The badges which were submitted as specimens by the P.W.D. road construction coolies' delegation to Mr. Yu Ka-ching at 4.30 p.m. February 26 are three in number and belong to the following coolies:-

No.296 Wong Song-zai (王雙才) (Dixwell Road Depot)

No. 57 Tsai Fu-yung (蔡富榮) (Soochow Road Depot)

No.143 Ting Teng-kar (丁登科) (Shunteh Road Depot)

The removal of the P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society from Ping Tsz Club, 3 Dz Dzoh Li, Yunnan Road, to No.8, Lane 351 (Van Ziang Li), Elgin Road, was completed on March 2, 1937, when Chen Kiu-feng (陳九峰), committee member of the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation and the principal adviser to the road construction coolies in the formation of this society took up residence at the new address.

Between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. March 3, 1937, some 20 Chinese claiming to be representatives of the coolies, gangers and foremen of various P.W.D. depots assembled at the office of the society, when Chen Kiu-feng distributed among them copies of receipt books to collect contributions of $1 each among their fellow workers towards the fund raised for the use of the society. A specimen of this receipt is attached to this report with a translation.

The following were among those present at the office of the society :-

Li Ching-tsung (李景春), Road construction coolie.
Liu Hwei-vung (劉煥文), " " "
Kwei Boo-yuin (環步雲), " " "
Li Ping-kao (李炳高), " " "
Soo Siao-pao (蘇小寶), " " "

C.P. Society reported 9 members. Tang Pu-chang to be closed as regards C.P.

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Kuh Ah-foh (葛阿福), claiming to be a ganger formerly attached to Antung Road Depot.

Tang Sing-lai (湯信賚), claiming to be a ganger formerly attached to Ewo Road Depot.

Kao Yung-ling (高永林), claiming to be a ganger attached to Dixwell Road Depot.

Chu Hung-kwei (居鴻奎), claiming to be a ganger formerly attached to Thorne Road Depot.

Tang Foh-ziang (譚福祥), claiming to be a ganger formerly attached to Thorne Road Depot.

Li Foh-ling (李福林), claiming to be a ganger attached to Soochow Road Depot.

Soong E-yung (宋以榮), claiming to be a ganger attached to Soochow Road Depot.

Chang Zang-sing (張長信), claiming to be a ganger formerly attached to Tatung Road Depot.

Liu Van-tsung (劉萬鍾), claiming to be a ganger attached to Shunteh Road Depot

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Received from..... the sum of $1 as contribution towards the fund for the formation of the Road Construction Coolies Mutual Aid Society. As soon as the society is formally established, this sum will be regarded as entrance fee and a membership card will be issued in exchange for this receipt (as no further receipt will be issued).

The Shanghai International Settlement
P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies
Mutual Aid Society.

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Received from ..... $1 national currency as contribution towards the fund for the formation of the Mutual Aid Society.

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Date March 3, 19 37.

Subject Activities of P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tee-liang Forwarded by J Coyne D S I

At 4.30 p.m. March 2, 1937, six P.W.D. road construction coolies named Li Ching-tsung (李景春), Liu Kwan-wen (劉煥文), Kwan Boo-yung (環步瀛), Wong Lih-sung (王立生) and Sung Zoong-yuen (沈仲元), in company with Chen Kiu-feng (陳九峰), their principal adviser, called at the Nan Peh Steamship Company, 93 Canton Road. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Yu Ya Ching, Chinese councillor of the S.M.C., interviewed the representatives and informed them that the S.M.C. had already made concessions to the coolies by agreeing to issue half wages for rainy days and full wages for New Year holidays. With regard to the question of the exchange of badges, Mr. Yu Ya Ching stated that he would negotiate further with the Council. In conclusion, he asked the delegates to write down any further requests which they desired to put forward. Chen Kiu-feng then submitted the following written requests :-

1. The badges of road construction coolies and the sewerage coolies should be different.
2. The total number of road construction coolies attached to the Shunteh Road Depot is only 191, and yet some 401 new badges were issued when the exchange of badges took place sometime ago. Consequently the sewerage coolies must have been included with the road construction coolies. This inclusion will inevitably lead to confusion and trouble in future.
3. All road construction coolies should be given a cap bearing a number.
4. In view of the recent reported dismissal of 42 foremen of road construction coolies, the coolies fear they may suffer the same fate in the future.

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5. The system of holding a test for promotion to the posts of gangers and foremen has been abolished, thereby giving a free hand to the overseer or No.1 foremen to promote his followers.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date March 1, 1937.

Subject Activities of P.W.D. coolies and gangers.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse Liang Forwarded by T. Koyama D.S.I.

The S.M.C. Road Constructions Coolies' Mutual Aid Society, which has offices in the Ping Tsz Club (平子社), 3 Dz Dzoh Li, Yunnan Road, will shortly be removed to House No.8 Lane 351 Elgin Road.

Chen Kiu-feng (陳九峰), committee member of the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation and principal advisor to the coolies, will, in a few days, take up residence in the new offices of the Society.

At 4 p.m. February 28, fifty gangers of various P.W.D. depots met at this new address when Chen Kiu Feng addressed them and emphasized the necessity of forming a Mutual Aid Society. In order to make the Society powerful, the speaker added, the following points should be observed:-

1. All coolies, gangers and foremen should combine and support the Society.
2. Any unequal or illegal treatment accorded to coolies by the authorities should be reported to the Society.
3. Should the authorities dismiss any coolie without substantial cause, coolies should unite and oppose the dismissal.

Subsequently a coolie named Hsu Kwei Hai (徐桂海), claiming to be ganger No.145 attached to Dixwell Road Depot, reported that his service would be terminated at the end of March, 1937 according to a notice he had received several days ago. It was decided to enlist the assistance of Mr. Yu Ya Ching, Chinese member of the S.M.C., in the matter. A delegation of several gangers will call on Mr. Yu at his office in the San Peh Steamship Company, 93 Canton Road, at 4 p.m. March 2, 1937.

During the meeting three representatives of the

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coolies named Wong Saung Zai (No.296), Liu Hwan Wen (No.200) and Kwei Boo Yung (No.195) were present.

Notices prepared by Chen Kiu Feng in the name of the Mutual Aid Society, have been printed and will be distributed among coolies in a few days. A copy of the pamphlet is hereto attached together with a translation.

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TRANSLATION

Notification No.I of the International Settlement Road Construction Coolies Mutual Aid Association, dated February ....., 1937.

Unrest due to a decision by the authorities to reduce staff exists among us, the road construction coolies. However, through the assistance rendered to us by Mr. Yu Ya Ching, we shall not be thrown out of work. The S.M.C. has declared that there has not been a decision to reduce staff and at the same time announced the following conditions of labour:-

"Working hours for the winter season will be 8½ hours a day, and for summer 9 hours a day. The wages for 1st class coolies are $0.65 per diem. For wet days and holidays, those who do not work will be given half-pay, while those who attend for work will be entitled to their full wages. There will be three holidays for the Lunar New Year and one for the Dragon Boat Festival; full wages being paid to the coolies. Those who work on these holidays will receive double pay."

The coolies are therefore notified to work peacefully and without disturbance. Hereafter all coolies should be diligent at their work, do their duty, and not interfere with the work of others. Those who disobey these instructions or conduct illegal activities which are detrimental to the good name of this Association will be reported to the S.M.C..

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.2, Special Branch ~~Secretary~~

REPORT

Date February 27, 1937.

Subject Activities of Chen Kin Fong in connection with P.W.D. coolies.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao-liang.

On the matter being referred to Dr. Hung Chi of the Police Bureau and Mr. Chang Yen Cheng (張延成) of the local Tangpu, both officials state that although they are most willing to help they are puzzled what to do in the matter because the functioning of Chen Kin Fong took place in the Settlement that he never came near to the Chinese Authorities, he did not sign his name or call in person in connection with the application for registry. The Tangpu is forwarding a copy of its reply in rejecting the application and basing on this Mr. Chang is of the opinion that the S.M.P. has the right, as the Chinese have always done to close the office of the Union which is located in the Settlement.

Superintendent.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date Feb. 26, 19 37.

Subject: Meeting of P.W.D. coolies held at the offices of their Mutual Aid Society.

Made by: C.D.I. Sih Tsee-liang Forwarded by: T. Boyne D.S.I.

At 7.30 p.m. February 25, 1937, some thirty road construction coolies including 21 delegates from various depots, assembled in the offices of their Mutual Aid Society at the Ping Tez Club (炳子社), 3 Dzu Dzoh Li (蘇州里), Yunnan Road. One of their number, hitherto unknown to the Police, informed the coolies that Mr. Pardoe of the P.W.D. on the morning of February 25, 1937, had stated that the exchange of working badges would take place on Saturday, February 27. When questioned by the coolies concerning the suggestion of inserting an explanatory announcement in the Chinese press or of addressing a formal letter to the Coolies Mutual Aid Society explaining the exchange of working badges, Mr. Pardoe replied that neither suggestions could be adopted. In conclusion, the speaker urged the coolies present to give careful consideration to the matter. Subsequently Chen Kiu-feng (陳九峰), committee member of the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation who is the only non-coolie taking an active interest in the formation of the Coolies' Mutual Aid Society, and who is assisting the coolies in the movement to oppose the new system of the P.W.D., then made the following statement :-

"If the S.M.C. are not sincere in their promises to you, you have no alternative but to refuse to accept the exchange of working badges. While you are under my leadership I will never permit you to be cheated. I have written a letter to be addressed to the S.M.C. In this letter, it is definitely stated that there should be a difference in colour between the badges issued to road construction coolies and those issued to sewerage coolies. Without waste of time you

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must compile a list of all coolies working for the P.W.D., and must submit this list to the S.M.C. before the foremen submit their list which may be inaccurate.

"Copies of a pledge form (a copy of this document is hereto attached, together with a translation) have been given to foremen for distribution among coolies. Fill them in at once. While on duty, there is a difference of rank between foremen and coolies but in the offices of the Society everybody is equal. When unity has been achieved, foremen and coolies will have to suspend work whenever called upon to do so by the Society.

"We have decided to refuse the exchange of working badges unless a difference is made between road construction coolies and sewerage coolies."

After some discussion, it was decided to send four delegates to call upon Mr. Yu Ya Ching, Chinese member of the S.M.C. at his office in the San Peh Steamship Company, 93 Canton Road, at 4 p.m. February 26, 1937, for the purpose of requesting his support. The meeting terminated at about 8 p.m.

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Translation of a pledge form issued by the S.M.C. Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society

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S.M.C. Road Construction Coolies'
Mutual Aid Society.

..... I, the signatory of this pledge, declare myself willing to participate in the formation of the Shanghai Municipal Council Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society in order to promote mutual benefit. I will abide by the rules, regulations and instructions of the society. Should I fail to observe the regulations, etc, I am willing to subject myself to public judgment. In order to show my willingness, I sign this pledge form together with particulars of my antecedents.

Name of pledger :

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date February 26, 1937.

Subject Exchange of badges at the P.W.D. Depot, Soochow Road

Made by D.P.S. Henchman Forwarded by T. Boyce D.S.I.

Information has been received from Mr. Pardoe of the P.W.D., to the effect that on February 25, 1937 he interviewed at the Soochow Road Depot, five representatives of the Central District P.W.D. coolies. He informed them that he proposed to carry out the exchange of badges on the morning of February 27, and that it was his intention that the road construction coolies' badges should be numbered from 1 to 500, and the sewerage coolies, from 501 to 750. The representatives agreed to accept this proposal.

The exchange of badges has already been carried out without trouble in the Western District.

D. Henchman
D. P. S.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.2, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date February 26, 1937.

Subject Application from P.W.D. coolies for registration of their union with local Tangpu.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao-liang.

At a committee meeting held in the local Tangpu on February 25, it was decided to reject the application of the P.W.D. coolies for the formation and registration of an Association. An official reply to this effect will probably be issued this afternoon.

Tan Shao-liang
Superintendent.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date February 23, 1937.

Subject P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies of Dixwell Road Depot - Meeting

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by J Boyce D S I

At 6 p.m. February 22, 1937, twenty one road construction coolies claiming to represent coolies attached to various P.W.D. Depots held a meeting in the Kung Wu Teashop, 174 Ying Ka Zah Road, Chapei. Li Ching-tsung (李景春), coolie attached to Dixwell Road Depot, presided and stated that during an interview on the morning of February 22, 1937, the P.W.D. authorities explained the inadvisability of discriminating between road construction coolies and sewerage coolies in the distribution of work. The delegation was urged to drop any further agitation in connection with the matter. A general discussion then took place and it was decided that should the P.W.D. Authorities insist upon enforcing their new system, they be requested to adopt the following measures :-

1. That after the exchange of working badges assurance be given against the discharge of coolies without reason.
2. That badges of different colour be issued so as to differentiate between those coolies who had been employed on the permanent staff under the old system, and those who would be employed together with the old coolies as casual labourers under the new system.

It was decided to convey these measures to the P.W.D. Authorities at 10 a.m. February 23.

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REPORT

Date Feb. 23. 1937.

Subject: P.W.D. Authorities interview Road Construction Coolies of the Central and Northern Districts.

Made by: D.P.S. Henchman Forwarded by: J Boyne D S I

At about 4.40 p.m. February 22, in the compound of the Central District Depot, Soochow Road, the P.W.D. authorities interviewed the road construction coolies of the Central and Northern Districts, when the revised conditions governing working hours and pay for holidays were discussed and read over to them in Chinese. The coolies were told that copies of these conditions written in Chinese would be posted in the Depots and godowns. It was also announced that the numbers of new badges to be issued for the Central District coolies would be from No.1 to No.250, and those for the Northern District from No.251 to No.500, while badges from No.501 to No.750 would be issued to sewage construction coolies. There would be no change in the working system, with the exception that the cleaning of drains, which was hitherto handled by road construction coolies, would in future be done by sewage coolies. The road construction coolies fearing that they would not get as much work as usual expressed dissatisfaction with the latter point. The P.W.D. authorities then explained to them that if they had any complaints concerning the new system, their representatives could report direct to the P.W.D. authorities. The coolies were further advised not to suspend work in furture, because of the loss which both parties incurred.

During the course of the interview, the coolies demanded that double pay be issued to them for Christmas and Foreign New Year Holidays. The P.W.D. authorities promised to grant them, as an alternative, three days holidays to be taken by groups in turn; the coolies expressed their satisfaction with this offer.

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With regard to the question of new badges, the P.W.D. authorities requested the coolies to appoint representatives to call at the S.M.C. Administration Building to discuss the matter.

The interview concluded at about 5.45 p.m.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date February 23, 1937.

Subject P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies

Made by D.P.S. Henchman Forwarded by J Boyce D S I

At 10.30 a.m. February 23, twenty-one representatives of the road construction coolies of various P.W.D. depots were summoned to the P.W.D. offices, Administration Building, Hankow Road, and were interviewed by Mr. Pardoe who announced that the following measures would be adopted in order to settle all differences now existing between the P.W.D. and the coolies :-

1. That the total number of road construction coolies of various depots be fixed at 1,200, and that at each depot, sufficient badges, numbered consecutively from No.1 upwards, be issued to road construction coolies. Sewerage coolies would receive badges, consecutively numbered, but of higher number than those received by the road construction coolies.
2. That sewerage and drainage cleaning work be entrusted to sewerage coolies because they are more experienced in this work.
3. That a group photo of coolies now employed at each depot be taken so that in future only those coolies who appear in the photo will be permitted to work.
4. A reduction of coolies may take place in three months' time.

The representatives expressed their willingness to accept the new badges, and promised to consider the other items and give a reply on Monday, March 1, 1937.

As far as can be ascertained from the attitude of the representatives, the coolies do not wish to accept Conditions Nos.3 and 4 but are willing to accept Conditions Nos.1 and 2, provided that they are permitted to perform

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sewerage cleaning work when there is insufficient road construction work to employ all road construction coolies.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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S.I. Special Branch

Date February 18, 1937.

Subject Unrest among road construction coolies at Dixwell Road Depot

Made by A/C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by J Boyne D.S.I

At 3.05 p.m. February 17, 1937, while six casual coolies attached to the Dixwell Road Depot were attending to sewerage cleaning work at Ringliang Road near Dalny Road, three male Chinese riding bicycles approached them and warned them to cease work as they desired to take over the work themselves. The three intimidators subsequently rode away, while the casual coolies continued their work without further interference.

Enquiries among the coolies show that the three intimidators are believed to be road construction coolies now assigned to the Northern Area and attached to the Dixwell Road Depot, and that the cause of the intimidation was due to opposition to the engagement of casual coolies on sewerage cleaning work, which, as a rule, is undertaken by road construction coolies.

It is learnt that in December, 1936 following the decision of the F.W.D. authorities to reduce the highway staff and re-allocate the working area, the Hwo Road and Sawgin Road Depots were abolished and the 220 and 110 permanent road construction coolies attached to these depots were transferred to the Dixwell Road Sewerage Depot. The latter originally employed on its staff a number of casual coolies who undertook sewerage work. In consequence of the new arrangement, the number of casual coolies was reduced to 33, and following the transfer of the road construction coolies from Hwo Road and Sawgin Road Depots, the Dixwell Road Sewerage Depot, was renamed Dixwell Road Depot. These changes took place on December 16, 1936.

Since the beginning of this year, casual coolies, having no regular sewerage job, were given sewerage cleaning work to perform, this work as a rule, is undertaken by road construction coolies. The assignment of this type of labour to casual

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coolies did not incur much opposition from the road construction coolies until the end of January, 1937, when the S.W.D. authorities announced the transfer of all road construction coolies from the permanent staff to the casual list, it was also to be understood that the number of coolies employed would depend on the amount of work on hand. As a consequence of this transfer road construction coolies consider that the assignment of sewerage cleaning work to casual labour will eventually result in a reduction in the amount of work available for them

At 5 p.m. Feb.17, 1937, two road construction coolies of the Dixwell Road Depot named Li Ching-tsung (李景春) and Wong Sang-zai (王双全) interviewed Loh Feng-nyi (陸風儀), No.1 Foreman of road construction coolies at the Dixwell Road Depot, and demanded that all work within the province of road construction coolies be assigned to them instead of to outsiders. Loh Feng-nyi verbally agreed, but remarked that the final decision would rest with the S.W.D. authorities.

Consequently, the casual coolies who were working on the sewerage cleaning work at Singliang Road on Feb.17,1937, have been withdrawn.

The situation is being carefully watched and any further information will form the subject of another report.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date February 17, 1937.

Subject Application from P.W.D. coolies for registration of their union with local Tangpu.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao-liang.

At 3.30 p.m. February 16, Mr. Wang Chia Zu (王家樹), a member of the Investigation Department (調查股) of the local Tangpu, called at this office and produced a petition signed by four road construction coolies and stamped by 51 other coolies of the P.W.D. requesting permission for the formation and registration of an Association to be called "The Mutual Aid Association of the P.W.D. Coolies of the International Settlement."

Mr. Wong asked for the views of the Council on the subject before the Tangpu gave the necessary permission. In reply, I stated that I would forward a report to my superiors for instructions.

In an interview with Mr. Tsu Hsueh Van, the head of the local General Labour Union, this morning, I impressed upon him that there was no necessity for workmen connected with public utilities to form a union; that the application was signed by a small percentage of the workers and is only the work of certain agitators, who desire to make use of such a union to their profit.

Mr. Tsu replied that should the S.M.C. consider such organization undesirable, he would arrange with the Tangpu to reject the application.

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Local Tangpu & Social Bureau notified accordingly Jan 18/2

Tan Shao-liang
Superintendent.

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Translation of a petition submitted to the Executive Committee of the Shanghai Special District Kuomintang Headquarters by the Shanghai International Settlement Road Workers Mutual Aid Association.

February 5,1937.

We, the 1,200 road workers in the International Settlement, have worked day after day without an organization of our own. For the mutual aid and protection of road workers, we are forming a Shanghai International Settlement Road Workers Mutual Aid Association to safeguard the interests of road workers. We hereby submit to your Committee two copies of papers which give the biography of the promoters of the Association for your approval and for the issue of certificates.

Signature of petitioners:-

Lee Chin Chung (李景春)
Liu Huan Wen (劉煥文)
Chang Pu Yin (張步瀛)
Wang Man Chai (王缦才)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date February 17, 1937.

Subject (in full) Activities of P.W.D. gangers.

Made by D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by T boyne D S I

At 6.30 p.m. February 16, 1937, some thirty gangers attached to the Sawgin Road P.W.D. Depot held a conference in a teashop at 253 Urga Road, when Hsu Fah-ming (徐發明), Ganger No.10, presided. A general discussion took place on a report to the effect that the P.W.D. Authorities were contemplating a reduction in the number of gangers. It was decided to request the Authorities to take all dismissed gangers on as permanent coolies or, as an alternative, to issue to them a retiring gratuity.

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REPORT

Date February 16, 1937.

Subject Press report concerning P.W.D. coolies - denial by P.W.D. authorities.

Made by D.P.S. Henchman Forwarded by T Bogue D S I

At 9 a.m. February 15, 1937, Mr. Pardoe, Highway Engineer of the P.W.D. summoned ten representatives of coolies from both the Central and Northern Districts to his office in the Administration Building and explained that there was no truth in the press report alleging that the new system of drawing lots in order to decide who should be employed, would be brought into operation on February 28, 1937. Should there be an increase in the amount of work to be done, he continued, extra workers would be employed, and if there should be a decrease, coolies already in the employment of the P.W.D. would be chosen by ballot or the choice left to the coolies themselves. The delegation subsequently withdrew.

At 6.30 p.m. February 15, six foremen of road construction coolies of various P.W.D. depots held a conference at the S.M.C. employees' Club, Continental Emporium Building, and discussed the press report which alleged that the foremen had deducted coolies' wages during holiday periods. It was decided to request the P.W.D. authorities to investigate the matter and to publish a correction in the press.

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THE S.M.C. AND ITS ROAD WORKERS

The Shanghai Municipal Council had originally 1,400 road workers. The newspaper report that the Council has 1,200 road workers is incorrect because the S.M.C. had already dismissed some 40 foremen unconditionally on January 2. These dismissed foremen were not given any retirement gratuity or pension.

The road workers have to work 12 hours a day and are paid only 70¢ per diem.

The S.M.C. has now fixed February 28 as the date for the drawing of lots to decide which road workers are to be discharged. The workers will probably organize some movement when the time arrives.

Coolies Sond Letter to S.M.C.

The International Settlement Road Coolies' Mutual Aid Association yesterday sent the following letter to the Shanghai Municipal Council:-

"The notification issued by the Council some time ago stating that a majority of the road coolies will be discharged created great anxiety among the road workers. When Hsu Mei Sung (徐梅生), a foreman of the Soochow Road District, held back three days' wages of the coolies and dismissed fifty coolies, all coolies went on strike.

"Afterwards, the Council gave an assurance that it would not discharge the coolies. Mr. Yu Ya Ching, one of the Chinese Councillors, personally told the coolies' representatives that the Council had made no decision regarding the discharge of road coolies, but that it intended, owing to financial stingency, to assign work to the coolies by the drawing of lots. If the coolies opposed this measure, work would be distributed among the coolies without drawing of lots, and the Council would refrain from engaging any new coolies until all the old hands had been given work. If any new coolies were employed, they would be discharged the moment that the work required a smaller number of coolies. Relief measures would be devised regarding work on days of rain or snow. Sewerage coolies and road coolies must not interfere with each other, but confine themselves to their respective duties. Should a foreman show favour to any one side and tries to take away by force the badge issued to a road coolie, a complaint should be made. As a further means to prevent malpractices by the foremen, numbered caps would be issued to the coolies.

"Upon receiving this assurance, the road coolies resumed work.

"Hsu Mei Sung, however, cannot evade responsibility for the strike. Seven years ago, Hsu was a mechanic. He made a fortune by undertaking sewerage work. When the sewerage work was completed, he obtained a position as foreman in the Public Works Department. In order to give work to the several thousand workers formerly employed by him, he persuaded the authorities to discharge the road coolies. He has also been oppressing road coolies. All

the coolies in other districts were paid wages for the three days' holiday at the solar New Year, but the workers of the Soochow Road District did not receive any pay for the money was misappropriated by Hsu Mei Sung.

"Recently, Hsu Mei Sung attempted to force the road coolies to change their badges for new ones so that he could mix his own men with the coolies. When the coolies refused to give up their badges, Hsi Mei Sung issued new badges to double the number of the original road coolies. The badges issued to sewerage coolies, road coolies, permanent and temporary workers are of the same shape. His intentions are obvious.

"Thus, the road coolies could no longer be distinguished from the sewerage coolies, and the road coolies will not be in a position to argue should they be discharged as sewerage coolies. All the present road coolies are thus in danger of being discharged.

"For the sake of peace and order of the community, and the livelihood of road coolies, we request you (1) to detail an official to make an investigation; (2) to issue the wages for the three days' holiday at the solar New Year to the road coolies of the Soochow Road District; (3) to dismiss Hsu Mei Sung.

"We advise the Council not to change the badges as this would give rise to confusion and trouble, but should the Council deem this inadvisable, we suggest that different badges be issued to different groups of workers so that they may be distinguished one from another. We also request you to issue numbered caps to the coolies in order to prevent false reports being made regarding the number of coolies."

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Date February 15, 1937.

Subject: Unrest among P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies at Sawgin Road Depot.

Made by D.I. Sih Tae-liang Forwarded by T. Boyne D.S.I.

An attempt made at 6.30 a.m. February 15, 1937, by the authorities of the Sawgin Road P.W.D. Depot, to exchange the identification badges of all P.W.D. road construction coolies attached to this Depot for new ones was frustrated by the coolies who refused to accept the new badges or go on duty. Subsequently the P.W.D. authorities agreed to postpone the exchange for the time being and at 7 a.m. all coolies resumed duty.

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REPORT

Date February 3, 1937.

Subject Activities of P.W.D. road construction coolies.

Made by D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by J. Boyce D.S.I.

The strike of the 1,500 P.W.D. road construction coolies, which commenced on January 30, 1937, was called off during the evening of February 2, and all coolies resumed work at 6.30 a.m. this morning, February 3, 1937. Fifty coolies of the Soochow Road Depot, whose badges were withdrawn by the P.W.D. authorities in January, 1937, were also reinstated, being issued with badges, and accorded the same treatment as the others.

The resumption of work was the result of a discussion on the new system governing the engagement of coolies by the P.W.D. between Mr. Yu Ya-Ching and Mr. Yei Ngoh-Su, Chinese members of the S.M.C. and a delegation of five coolies accompanied by Chen Liu-Feng (陳劉峰), Committee Member of the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation, at 4.45 p.m. February 2 in the office of the San Peh Steamship Company, 93 Canton Road. During the discussion, Mr. Yu Ya-Ching reiterated the statement made by the P.W.D. authorities to the foremen on February 1, which embodied the following three points :-

1) That wages would be paid for working days only.
2) That selection of coolies would be by ballot instead of by personal choice by foremen as hitherto.
3) That as there is sufficient work on hand, the number of coolies would not be reduced during the coming few months.

After some discussion, the delegation accepted the first two conditions and requested that the proposed ballot system be cancelled and that coolies be given liberty to arrange among themselves to work on alternate shifts. In addition they also requested Mr. Yu Ya-Ching and Mr. Yei Ngoh-Su to negotiate with the P.W.D. authorities on the following ie

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1) That in future coolies engaged in sewerage construction work as well as cobbled stone street work be not transferred to work with ordinary road construction coolies.

2) That in order to prevent the mis-use of authority by foremen all coolies be provided with a uniform hat bearing a number.

Mr. Yu Ya-Chin promised to forward their requests and bring up the question of granting an allowance for any lengthy period of rainy days, with the F.M.C. authorities, whereupon the delegation consented to call off the strike and instruct all coolies to resume work on the morning of February 3.

The delegation left at 5.45 p.m. and proceeded to the Office of their Mutual Aid Society, in the Ping Tsz Club (丙子社), 2 Dz Dzoh Li, Yunnan Road, where a conference was held, during which it was decided to resume work on February 3 and to entrust Chen Kin-fong with the task of approaching the S.M.C. through Mr. Yu Ya-Chin for the issue of pay for the period of the strike.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Date February 2, 1937.

Subject List of works at present being carried out by the P.W.D.

Made by and Forwarded by C.D.I. Ross

Hereunder is a list of the more important works at present being carried out in various parts of the Settlement by the P.W.D.:

Western Area

Road	Section	Nature of work
Lucerne Road	W. of Edinburgh Road	Re surfacing etc.
Gt. Western Rd.	Bridges 7 and 11	Making box culverts.
Fraser Road	Bridge No.12	" " "
Avenue Haig	S. of B'well Road.	Laying sewer connection.
Haiphong Road	Ferry - Singapore Rds.	Laying 21" drain.
x Rockhill Avenue	Bridge No.2	Repairs.
Haiphong Road	E. of Gordon Road	Laying 3'0" culvert.

x This is not yet in hand but will be put in hand in a day or two.

Central Area

Soochow Road	Cad. Lot 51	Drain and sewer connection.
Soochow Road	E. of Fokien Road	Moving Coffer dam.

Northern Area

Dixwell Road	Japanese Garden	Laying connections.
Minghong Road	Bet. Woosung & Seward Roads	Raising footpath.
N. Soochow Road	N. of North Shanse Rd.	Repairing Bunding.

Eastern Area

It is expected that coolies will be working on Pingliang Road between Ningkuo and Linching Roads tomorrow (3/2/37), and on drain connection on Pingliang Road corner of Taitsihar Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date Feb. 2, 1937.

Subject: Activities of P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies.

Made by D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by T. Boyce D.S.I.

Five representatives of the coolies named Li Ching-tsung (李景春) (coolie No.45), Liu Hwan-wung (劉煥文) (Coolie No.200), Kwan Bu-yuin (関步瀛) (Coolie No.195), Tsai Fu-yung (蔡富荣) (Coolie No.57) and Wong Shang-zai (王双才) (Coolie No.296) called at the San Peh Steamship Company, 93 Canton Road, at 4.45 p.m. February 1, 1937, and interviewed Mr. Yu Ya-ching who asked them to call again at 5 p.m. February 2, 1937, as he had not yet discussed the question with other Chinese members of the Council.

At 7.30 a.m. February 2, 1937, seven representatives of the road construction coolies of the P.W.D. Soochow Road Depot, called at the Depot and interviewed the foreigner in charge who, through the interpretation of Chinese foreman Zee Mei-sung, re-iterated the declaration made by the P.W.D. authorities to the effect that the only changes in the new system were :-

a) That wages be issued only for working days.

b) That selection of coolies for work where fewer workers than available are required will be by ballot instead of individual choice by foreman.

The callers were assured that the S.M.C. would not dismiss a single worker and were persuaded to instruct all strikers to resume work immediately. Expressing their satisfaction with the arrangements, the callers stated that owing to time required to circulate this information, work would not be resumed earlier than February 3, 1937. Before dispersing, the callers were advised to instruct all strikers not to interfere with coolies who had been sent out to attend to important work on streets.

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Dr Hung Chi might be informed to advise Chen Kiu Tong (Chief inspector) Kiu report that he is definitely agitating strike among coolies & Kiu satisfied to work.

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The delegation then proceeded to the hot water and tea shop, No.211 Amoy Road, and informed the representatives and coolies of various districts of the result of the interview. After some discussion it was agreed to wait for Mr. Yu Ya Ching's reply before any decision was reached.

At 6.30 a.m. February 2, 1937, some thirty representatives of coolies assembled in a tea-shop, Heng Feng Road, Chapei, off the Markham Road Bridge, when Dao Teih-ts (陶寶之) and Wong Lih-sung (王立生), two of the leading delegates, stated that Chen Kiu-foong (陳九峯), a committee member of the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation, had advised that coolies engaged in sewerage construction as well as trucks transporting road construction material should be prevented from working. It was decided to send out pickets in small groups to various places in the Eastern and Western Districts to intimidate sewerage and transportation coolies.

At 6.50 a.m. an attempt made by pickets to prevent trucks from leaving the Shunteh Road Depot was frustrated by the Municipal Police.

At 6 a.m. February 2, 1937, some 200 strikers assembled at the Ewo Road Depot for the purpose of drawing their wages. They were however addressed by Wong Shang-zai (王祥才), coolie No. 296, who declared that coolies' badges once withdrawn by the P.W.D. authorities in issuing wages would not be re-issued, thus depriving them of the opportunity to retain their positions as permanent coolies. Subsequently Wong persuaded the coolies engaged in transporting road construction material to join the strike; he, however,

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immediately left with the strikers on the arrival of the Municipal Police.

The following two cases of intimidation have also come to notice:-

At 8.15 a.m. February 2, 1937, 50 coolies engaged in sewerage construction work on Pinglang Road, west of Linching Road, were intimidated by about 10 strikers with the result that the former left their work and returned to the Antung Road Depot.

At 10.10 a.m. February 2, 1937, a P.W.D. truck was stopped on Edinburgh Road by some 20 strikers who demanded free transportation to the Fah Hwa Village. The demand was complied with by the driver, who afterwards returned to his depot.

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REPORT

Date February 1, 1937.

Subject: Activities of P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies.

Made by: D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by: T. Coyne DSI

In order to avoid interference from the authorities, the road construction coolies of the P.W.D. depots decided on January 31, 1937 to send a delegation of 35 persons to the Shanghai City Government, Civic Centre, for the purpose of submitting an appeal for assistance in their dispute with the P.W.D. It was also decided to inform all delegates to assemble at the Kwei Ling Fu Shing Dyeshop, Broshan Road near Boundary Road, Chapei, at 8 a.m. February 1. These 35 delegates arrived at the dyeshop at 10 a.m. and are now proceeding to the City Government by motor truck, in company with Chen Liu-foong (陳九峰), committee member of the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation, who has been assisting the coolies.

At about 7 a.m. February 1, 1937, some 100 strikers gathered on Dangpingmiao Road near the Settlement boundary, with the intention of proceeding to the Civic Centre. Eventually, they decided to appoint five delegates to call at the City Government, whilst the others should disperse and re-assemble at the same place at 3 p.m. to-day, or 8 a.m. February 2 in order to hear the result of the appeal. During the general discussion copies of a printed handbill entitled "A manifesto issued by the Road Construction Coolies' Mutual Aid Society" were distributed among the coolies by their representative named Wong Lih-sung (王立崇). (Translation of this handbill is attached to Special Branch Report dated January 28, 1937).

Groups of strikers gathered on Dalny Road this morning, February 1, 1937, apparently in observance of the instruction received by them on the morning of January 30 but quietly dispersed owing to the presence of the Municipal

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It is learned that a mediation meeting was held in the Nyi Feng Teashop, 695 Chekiang Road, between 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. January 30, 1937, when Zee Mei-sung (徐梅生), No.1 foreman of the Soochow Road Depot, and seven delegates of the strikers were present. Zee Mei-sung announced that the I.M.D. authorities had agreed to issue working badges every day to not less than 150 coolies engaged in road construction work excluding badges for 15 coolies engaged in work on cobble stone streets. It was then pointed out by the coolies that in reality the number of coolies attached to the Soochow Road Depot was 184 and that in consequence of the new arrangement to engage only 150 coolies, 34 coolies would be unemployed. Zee suggested that all of the 184 coolies be taken on by rotation. The delegates of the coolies promised to consider the suggestion, but intimated that work could not be resumed unless the disputes in other depots were settled satisfactorily.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date February 1, 1937.

Subject Activities of the S.M.C. P.W.D. road construction coolies.

Made by D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by J Coyne D.S.I

At 10 a.m. February 1, 1937, thirty five Chinese coolies claiming to represent strikers of various P.W.D. depots, who had assembled at the Hwa Yang Pao Shing Lur Teashop, 7 Paoshan Road, left by motortruck for the Civic Centre. Chen Kiu-feng (陳九峰), committee member of the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation who has been assisting the coolies in the strike movement, accompanied the delegation.

When the truck arrived at Ti Xueh Wei Road, it was stopped by the Chinese Police who told the delegation they could proceed no further. After some argument, it was arranged that fifteen delegates be permitted to continue the journey. The delegation interviewed one named Wong Ping (王冰), a staff member of the Bureau of Social Affairs, who, after receiving their petition, advised them to refrain from any illegal activities as the S.M.C. was an administrative organ, but await patiently the outcome of the negotiation by Mr. Xu Xa Ching, whereupon they withdrew.

The delegation subsequently proceeded to the local Tangpu, when one named Yan Kuo-zung (樊国成), staff member of the People's Training Department, interviewed them and instructed that they notify all strikers to preserve peace and order pending investigation by the Tangpu. The party then returned in a body to the temporary office of the Mutual Aid Society in the Ping Tsz Club (兩子社), 3 Dz Dzoh Li, Yunnan Road, where Chen Kiu-feng advised the delegates to return at 4 p.m. to the Society in order to proceed in a body to the office of the San Peh Steamship Company, 93 Canton Road, to hear the result of negotiation from Mr. Xu Xa Ching. Before dispersing, Chen and the delegates advocated that should the answer from Mr. Xu Xa Ching regarding the mediation prove to be unsatisfactory, attempts should be

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S.1, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date January 31, 1937.

Subject P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies - activities.

Made by D.I. Sih Tse Liang Forwarded by J. Lagne C.S.I.

At 12.25 p.m. January 30, some thirty Chinese claiming to represent P.W.D. Road Construction coolies of various depots, who are on strike, proceeded in small groups to the Administration Building, S.M.C. Three of the delegates named Liu Hwan Wen (劉煥文), Li Ching Tsung (李慶宗) and Tsai Koo Yung (蔡固勇) interviewed Mr. T. K. Ho, Chinese Assistant Secretary, and submitted a petition for the cancellation of the decision of the P.W.D. regarding the new system of engaging coolies. In reply Mr. Ho promised to refer their petition to the Council, whereupon the delegates withdrew.

These representatives subsequently called upon Mr. Yu Yah Ching (虞洽卿), Chinese member of the S.M.C. at his office in the San Peh Steamship Co., 93 Canton Road, and made a similar appeal. They were advised to return at 5 p.m. February 1, 1937.

A subsequent visit by these delegates to the Chinese Ratepayers' Association resulted in a promise by the Secretary of the Association that the matter would be taken up with the S.M.C..

It is learned that some 70 delegates of these coolies will proceed on the morning of February 1, 1937 to the Shanghai City Government, the Bureau of Social Affairs and the local Tangpu to appeal for assistance. The number of appelants may be greater as some of the coolies may participate in the visit of their own accord. No definite plan has been formed as to how to proceed to the City Government. The coolies will assemble at various places along the Settlement boundary in the Eastern District.

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REPORT

Date January 30, 1937.

Subject Unrest among P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies.

Made by D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by Gilmore D.I

One of the causes of unrest among P.W.D. road construction coolies over the introduction of a new system is reported to be that a number of the permanent coolies at present employed at various depots have obtained their working number-badges by payment.

There are certain loafers who, it is reported, ally with the senior staff and obtain working number-badges in the loafers name. After working for some time, he sells it to any person who desires a job but has no way to obtain one. The price of the badge varies from $80.00 to $120.00 each. After selling his badge, the loafer will arrange with his old acquaintance to obtain another one which he will again sell later on. It is reported that a number of coolies now holding number-badges have been the victims of this malpractice.

Consequently, when the new system is introduced these coolies will suffer an irrevocable loss, and as they have no other way to obtain redress, there is every possibility that they will enforce their opposition by intimidating new coolies selected.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date Jan. 29, 1937.

Subject P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies - Unrest

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by [illegible]

A rumour is prevalent among the P.W.D. road construction coolies of various depots to the effect that the P.W.D. authorities have decided to withdraw the working badges of the permanent staff at 6 a.m. January 30, 1937. A number of the coolies are advocating the declaration of a strike to oppose this measure and it is also stated that they are prepared to support the strike by assaulting strike breakers and damaging road surfaces.

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REPORT

Date January 30, 1937.

Subject P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies - Activities

Made by D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by Chinnock D.I.

The coolies assembled at the Ewo Road Depot and other localities in the Eastern District were warned by four cylists at 10 a.m. to-day, to postone their proposed appeal to the City Government to 7 a.m. Monday, February 1, 1937, when all coolies should assemble on a piece of vacant ground, off Dalny Road, near the Settlement Boundary.

It is also learnt that the strikers have decided to appoint seventy delegates, representing the coolies of the original seven depots, to make an appeal to the S.M.C. between 11 a.m. and 12 noon to-day, January 30. After their visit to the Administration Building, they will proceed to call on Mr. Yu Yah-ching, Chinese member of the S.M.C. at his office in the San Peh Steamship Company, 93 Canton Road, and then the Chinese Ratepayers' Association, 59 Hongkong Road, for the purpose of appealing for assistance.

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S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date January 30, 1937.

Subject Unrest among F.W.D. Road Construction Coolies.

Made by D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by Gilmore D.I.

Fifteen committee members of the Shanghai Municipality International Settlement Road Construction Coolies Mutual Aid Society held a secret meeting in the Ping Tsz Club, No.3 Dz Dzoh Li, Yunnan Road, at 7.15 p.m. January 29 and decided that should the F.W.D. Authorities actually put into effect their decision regarding the transfer of permanent coolies to the casual staff in the early morning of January 30 (at about 6 a.m.), a strike be declared at once, and that all coolies be instructed to proceed to the Administration Building, S.M.C. to make appeal. It was also decided that visits should also be paid to the Chinese Ratepayers' Association, Hongkong Road, for the purpose of requesting Chinese members of the Council to render assistance and to the Shanghai City Government and the Tangpu for a similar purpose.

At present, there are five F.W.D. depots, located in the following districts :-

Antung Road Depot (Yulin Road District)

Ewo Road Depot (Wayside)

Soochow Road Depot (Louza)

Shunteh Road (Sinza)

Dixwell Road Depot. (Kashing Road)

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This information was conveyed (by the undersigned) at 10 p.m. 29-1-37 to both Mr Clarke and Mr Stafford D.C.s. F.W.D. who assumed from them there was no likelihood of any trouble taking place during (30/1). D.C.R. 30/1

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REPORT

Date January 28, 37.

Subject Unrest among P.W.D. Road Coolies - formation of the "Shanghai Municipality International Settlement Road Construction Coolies Mutual Aid Society"

Made by D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by [signature]

The meeting of representatives of the S.M.C. P.W.D. Road Construction Coolies, which was scheduled to take place in the Chinese Chamber of Commerce Building, North Szechow Road, at 5 p.m. January 27, 1937, was not held owing to the presence of a large number of members of the Municipal Police in the vicinity of the Chamber. In order to avoid the attention of the public, the representatives eventually assembled in the Ping Tsz Club (兩子社), 3 Dz Dzoh Li, Yunnan Road. At 7 p.m. about 100 persons had turned up and a meeting was then held. Liu Hwa-vung (劉華文), a coolie of Antung Road Depot, who presided, explained that the object of the gathering was to discuss the decision of the S.M.C. to reduce the number of permanent coolies and transfer those affected to the casual staff. The following resolutions were then discussed and passed :-

1) That a society entitled "The Shanghai Municipality International Settlement Road Construction Coolies Mutual Aid Society" (上海市公共租界築路工人互助會) be formed, and that its temporary office be established in the Ping Tsz Club, 3 Dz Dzoh Li, Yunnan Road.

2) That a manifesto be issued (a copy of this manifesto is attached to this report with translation as Appendix "A").

3) That an executive committee of fifteen members be appointed. (a list of their names and addresses is attached to this report as Appendix "B").

4) That a letter be addressed to the S.M.C. requesting it to cancel its decision regarding the reduction in the number of the permanent coolies.

5) That should it be necessary, appeals be made to the local

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Chinese Authorities and public bodies for assistance.

6) That should any coolie be dismissed, a strike be declared immediately.

The meeting last about twenty minutes, the gathering dispersing at 7.30 p.m.

Subsequently the fifteen members of the committee held a meeting in the club, and discussed ways and means to enforce the movement. The following resolutions were then passed :-

1) That efforts be made to find accommodation for the office of the Society.

2) That the membership fee of the Society be fixed at 50 cents each for the time being.

3) That a registration be taken of all coolies.

The meeting terminated at 9 p.m.

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APPENDIX "A"

Translation

We have been in the employ of the Shanghai Municipal Council as road building coolies for many years. The prosperity Shanghai enjoys at present is traceable to our efforts in building roads. It is a surprise to us that we are all dismissed. Recalling the past efforts we have exerted and anticipating what will be in store for us in future only increases our resentment. Since the Shanghai Municipal Council has turned a deaf ear to our request for reinstatement, we are compelled to form a strong organization with a view to opposing determinedly the Council's oppression. We hope that assistance will be rendered to us by the public in order that we may not be homeless.

According to the Shanghai Municipal Council, the discharge of the road coolies is to curtail expenses of the Council, but as a matter of fact, the wages of the road coolies numbering more than one thousand amount to no more than the salaries of ten of the Council's senior foreign employees. If the Council is sincere in its intention to carry out a retrenchment policy, the big salaries of its senior foreign employees should be reduced. There is no necessity of dismissin more than one thousand road coolies, whose unemployment will only increase the social unrest prevailin at present.

Concerning the road work, since more roads are built and widened and more vehicles are put into operation, more road coolies should be employed instead of reduced. This is the second point that the dismissal of the road coolies is unreasonable.

Employees in various trades have demanded increases in wages during the past several years, but we have not submitted any demand for an increase. The dismissal of the

loyal road coolies shows another aspect of the unreasonableness on the part of the Council.

During the January 28 incident, all the defence works were erected by the road coolies, who accomplished the assignments in the midst of gunfire. A number of the road coolies were injured and killed in line of duty. It is unreasonable as well as callous on the part of the Council to dismiss these faithful and meritorious road coolies.

In a word, the dismissal of the road coolies by the Council is absolutely unreasonable and is an act of contempt for the Chinese. When the Council requires our services, it calls us in and when our services are not needed, we are dismissed without considering the meritorious services we have rendered. The Council thinks that the road coolies will submit to its decision, but we will not submit to the dismissal to the detriment of the dignity of the country. We will oppose the decision until a satisfactory settlement is reached.

APPENDIX "B"

List of members of the Executive Committee of the Shanghai Municipality International Settlement Road Construction Coolies Mutual Aid Society

Name	Address	Depot to which attached
Li Ching-tsung (李景春)	No. Tuan Tu Li, Tungchow Road.	Sawgin Road.
Liu Kwan Yung (劉煥文)	No.7 Tei Shun Li, Pingliang Road.	Antung Road.
Kwan Su-yuin (關步瀛)	Upstair Room over the entrance to Shing Sung Li, Mei Sin Road, Chapei.	Thorne Road.
Wong Lih-sung (王立生)	No.2/4 Straw hut, Mapai Road.	Markham Road.
Dao Tsih-ts (陶賢之)	No.2/4 Strew hut, Mapai Road.	Markham Road.
Sung Zoong-yuan (沈仲源)	No.27 Tienfoh Li, Kung Woo Sing Road, Chapei.	Tatung Road.
Tsai Fu-yung (蔡福榮)	No.13 Shing Teh Li, Kwang Zao Road, Chapei.	Soochow Road.
Wong Shang-zai (王雙才)	No.407 Janeen Road.	Ewo Road.
Li Kwei-ling (李桂林)	No.184 Mukden Road.	Sawgin Road.
Kao King-pao (高金寶)	No.51 Chaoyang Road.	Antung Road.
Chu Tseng-ling (朱正林)	No.99 Yang Ka Pang Road, Chapei.	Thorne Road.
Ting Ming-tang (丁明堂)	No.18, Lane No.3 Kwang Zao Road, Chapei.	Tatung Road.
Li Ping-kao (李炳高)	Wong Shun Shing, back of Tangchow Guild, Fu Zai Road, Chapei.	Soochow Road.
Tsai Yu-liang (蔡有良)	No.59 Dao Ka Wan Road, Hong Chen, Chapei.	Ewo Road.
Fu Chien-ling (傅謙齡)	Upstairs room of Dah Chen Mei Wine Shop, Dalny Road.	Ewo Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 7758

S.1, Special Branch ~~Station~~,

REPORT

Date January 27, 1937.

Subject Unrest among P.W.D. Road Coolies.

Made by D. I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by Gilmore DI

W. Hughes info by phone at 11.50 am. D.I.R.

Chen Kiu-feng (陳九峰), Committee member of the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation is arranging to hold a meeting of delegates of the road coolies of various S.M.C. P.W.D. depots at 5 p.m. to-day, January 27 in the office of the Association in the Chinese Chamber of Commerce Building, North Soochow Road. The discussion at this meeting will, it is believed, be confined to the following, which has been prepared by Chen Kiu-fang:-

1) That a society entitled "The Shanghai Municipality International Settlement Road Construction Coolies Mutual Aid Society" (上海租界筑路苦力互助会) be formed.

2) That a manifesto be issued to acquaint the public with the decision of the S.M.C. to expel Chinese coolies in the name of retrenchment and that appeals be made to the local Chinese authorities and public bodies.

3) That ~~the~~ ten delegates of one coolies be elected as members of the Committee of the Society.

That in opposing the decision of the S.M.C. to reduce the number of coolies, the following measures be adopted :-

a) That the S.M.C. be urged to cancel its decision.

b) That all coolies retain their employment pending a settlement of the dispute.

c) That should any coolie be actually dismissed, a general strike be declared.

Simultaneously, Chen Kiu-feng has approached Chinese newsreporters of local news agencies to render assistance in the matter by conducting propaganda in favour of the coolies through the medium of the press. The propaganda, Chen has explained, should contain the following points:-

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1) The policy of retrenchment should confine itself to highly paid staff.

2) The economic depression in Shanghai is due to the increase in the number of unemployed.

3) Widening and extension of streets increases the work of the coolies and requires more men.

4) Increase in the traffic damages the road surface.

5) The merits of the coolies during the past years should not be overlooked.

6) While workers of other trades all receive an increase in wages, road coolies only desire to retain their job.

It is learned that a movement is afoot among the road coolies to collect 50 cents from each worker for the purpose of raising a fund to defray the expenses incurred in furtherance of their opposition to the S....C.

As far as can be ascertained, Chen's office in the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation, Chinese Chamber of Commerce Building, North Soochow Road, as well as the Ping Tsz Club (平 3 /[illegible]), 3 Dz Dzoh Li, Yunnan Road (Louza District), are used as the main communication addresses between Chen and the coolies, while the latter are, as their customary rule, using various small teashops and hot water shops on Amoy and Urga Roads and vicinity as meeting places.

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S.1, Special Branch,

REPORT

Date January 26, 1937.

Subject Unrest among P.W.D. Road Coolies

Made by D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by [signature]

At 11 a.m. January 25, 1937, ten Chinese claiming to represent P.W.D. road coolies of various depots called at the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation, Chinese Chamber of Commerce building, North Soochow Road, and submitted a petition for assistance in opposing the decision of the S.M.C. to reduce the number of permanent coolies. These coolies were received by Chen Kiu-feng (陳九峰), committee member of the Federation, who promised to refer their request to a committee meeting which would be held on January 27, and asked them to return at 3 p.m. January 27 for a reply. These coolies subsequently made a similar appeal to the Chinese Ratepayers' Association, 59 Hongkong Road, where Dau Loh-jing (陶樂勤), Secretary of the Association interviewed them and promised support of their petition. The callers withdrew at 12.15 p.m.

The names of the ten delegates are as follows :-

Li Ching-tsung (李景春)
Liu Hwan-vung (劉煥文)
Kwan Boo-ying (關步瀛)
Li Ping-kao (李炳高)
Dao Zuh-tsz (陶宗之)
Wong Lih-sung (王立生)
Sung Tsoong-yuen (沈中源)
Bee Teh-sung ([illegible]德生)
Tsai Foo-yung (蔡富榮)
Wong Saung-zai (王双才)

A translation of the petition is attached to this report.

It is reported that the decision to make this

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appeal to the Citizens' Federation was precipitated by the first mentioned delegate, Li Ching-tsung (李景春), (Sawgin Road Depot), who is a close associate of one named Tang An-ping (唐安平), a well-known agitator in connection with the Squatters in the Yangtszepoo District. The latter who has been on close terms with Chen Kiu-feng, a member of the Citizens' Federation, following the agitation regarding squatters, advised Li Ching-tsung to enlist the assistance of the Citizens' Federation and introduced him to Chen Kiu-feng. It is reported that it was Chen who drafted the petition in question.

The secret rendezvous of these delegates is said to be in a teashop on the east end of the Yangtszepoo Bridge.

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Translation

Petition for Relief for S.M.C. Road Coolies

We have been in the employ of the S.M.C. as road coolies for a period of from ten to twenty years. We have been carrying out our duties diligently in all kinds of weather and in some cases of loyalty to duty some have even sacrificed their lives. With the meagre wages we are barely able to support our families. We are really living from hand to mouth.

To carry out a retrenchment policy, the S.M.C. has decided to dispense with the services of 90% of the road coolies at the end of January.

When we heard of the intention of the S.M.C., we all became much alarmed. When the Settlement was first established with spaces here and there, the Council employed more than one thousand coolies to clean the streets, and a large number of casual workers in case of need. During the past several years, the number of roads has been increased and their surfaces have been widened. The number of vehicles has also been increasing. In consequence of these factors, more road coolies should be employed instead of discharged. It is callousness on the part of the S.M.C. to discharge a large number of the road coolies on the ground of the present business depression.

The enforcement of the retrenchment policy in our direction will not only throw us out of employment but deprive our dependants of the means of subsistence. We have been loyal to our duties and have done nothing against the law. To discharge us is contrary to the International Labour Law.

We request you to uphold justice and lodge a protest with the Council against the illegal dismissal and to demand the cancellation of the decision.

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S.1, Special Branch Shanghai.

REPORT

Date Jan. 25, 1937.

Subject Unrest among P.W.D. road coolies.

Made by and Forwarded by D.I. Moore

Unrest at present exists among road coolies employed at various P.W.D. Depots in the Settlement with the exception of the Rubicon Road Depot, C.O.I. in consequence of the decision of the S.M.C. to reduce with effect from February 1, 1937, the number of permanent workers. So far these coolies have no union or meeting place and most of their discussions take place when they turn up for duty at the depot in the morning.

A list showing the location of P.W.D. Depots together with the number of men employed, and a copy of a notice introducing the change in working conditions from February 1, are attached.

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Watch such discussions & report developments early.

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List showing the location of P.W.D. Depots, together with the number of men employed

Name and Address of Depot	Total No. of coolies
Central Area Depot, 933 Soochow Road (Central, Louza & Hongkew Districts)	384
Brenan Road - Rubicon Road.	245
Western Area Depot, Shunteh Road (Sinza, Bubbling Well, & Gordon Road Districts.)	445
Dixwell Road Depot (Eastern Area Depot No.1), 9 Sawgin Road (Kashing Road and Wayside Districts)	489
Eastern Area Depot No.2, 2 Antung Road (Yulin Road and Yangtzepoo Districts)	486

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sir,

This Department has been instructed by the Council to economise in all possible ways. All salaries have been reduced. Economy in labour is also to be effected.

Gangers and Grade I Coolies.

On and after January 30th, 1937, until further notice in all districts, except Rubicon Sub-district, gangers and Grade I coolies only will be employed. These gangers and coolies will be paid weekly, as at present, but, with the exception of special cases, men will receive pay only for the time during which they actually work and will be subject to daily engagement and discharge as circumstances may require. The rates of pay will be as at present that is:-

Gangers	0.79	per day
Grade I Coolies	0.65	" "

Rubicon Sub-District

In Rubicon Sub-district, in addition to gangers and Grade I coolies Grade II and III coolies will also be employed. All coolies will be paid in the manner laid down for gangers and Grade I coolies and will receive the same daily pay as at present that is:-

Gangers	0.79	per day
Grade I Coolies	0.65	" "
Grade II "	0.57	" "
Grade III "	0.49	" "

Selection of Labour.

The coolies required will be selected by lot on the day **before pay** day (Sundays excepted). If on any day during the course of the week it is considered necessary to increase or decrease the number of coolies, those who are to be engaged or discharged will

be indicated by ballot on the day concerned. Each ballot will be supervised by the Chief Inspector in charge of the Area concerned and the Inspector in charge of labour in the depot concerned.

Special Duty Men.

Not more than 50 men in each area will be selected by merit from artisans and Grade I coolies for special duty work and these men will be employed on a permanent weekly basis. These will be trained men who show ability in their work. They will be selected by the Assistant Engineer and Chief Inspector of the Area concerned.

In their own interests, coolies are warned that the paying of gratuities directly or indirectly to Foremen or any other employees of the Council is unnecessary and prohibited. Offenders will be dismissed.

W A F Pardoe.

Highways Engineer.